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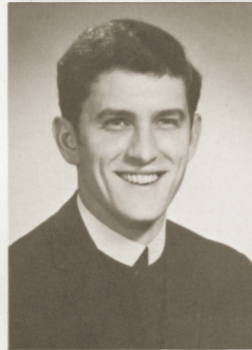
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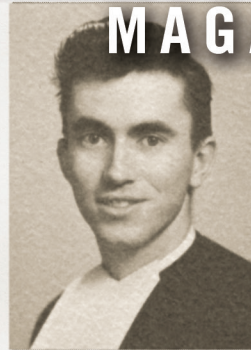
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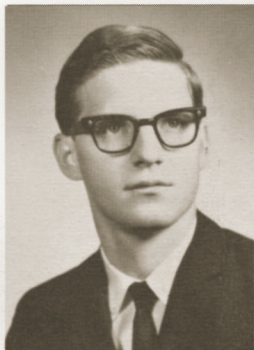
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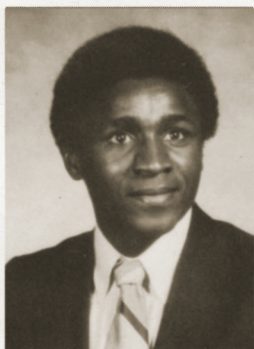
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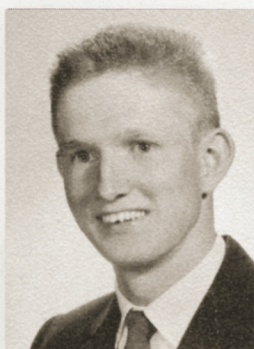
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Coming Home to La Salle

BY JOSEPH MARBACH, PH.D., '83

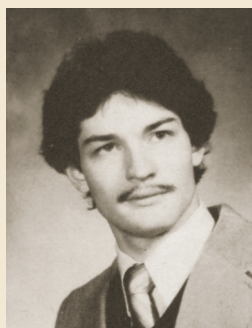
OVER THE YEARS, SCORES OF ALUMNI HAVE RETURNED to be scholar-teachers at the institution that was formative in shaping their careers as academics. I am one of them.

My La Salle experience was formative and typical of most of those about whom you will read in this issue of *La Salle Magazine*.

As you read the stories of a few of our alumni faculty, you will find some recurring themes. The first is the impact that a faculty member had on their lives, and their desire to continue this legacy by working with the current cadre of students. The second is the influence that the Lasallian community has had on these faculty members and their desire to become and remain a part of that community. In this regard, La Salle is known for the personal touch it provides to our students. This is the hallmark experience extended to students by faculty, staff, and administrators. While the focus of this issue of the magazine is on alumni faculty, I would be remiss not to recognize the dozens of staff, adjuncts, and administrators who also graduated from La Salle. These individuals are part of the legacy and want to ensure that future generations are provided the opportunity to be part of it.

All of the factors identified above influenced my decision to return to La Salle University. The chance to serve the institution that shaped my career and my approach toward teaching proved irresistible. As I've told many individuals, serving as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to give back to an institution to which I owe so much.

My interest in political science was fostered by the faculty, who include my current colleagues Mike Dillon, now Chair of the Political Science Department, who instilled his passion for political theory (I still employ the approach he taught in interpreting and understanding the *Federalist Papers* in my American Politics classes), and Ken Hill, who directed my senior seminar and in the process showed me that I had the ability to succeed in graduate studies. I also have fond memories of the jovial Frank Nathans, who delighted in disabusing his students of the notion that an intellectual could not also be a person of faith. The individual who in many ways had the greatest impact and started the chain



of events that eventually led me back to La Salle was Robert Courtney, the long-time Chair of the department.

In the only class I took with Courtney, I was introduced to the work of Daniel Elazar, the nation's leading authority in the study of American Federalism. Elazar taught at Temple University and, based on Courtney's respect for his work, I

applied there hoping to study federalism. Elazar would soon become my mentor and friend, guiding my graduate career and early post-doctoral work. Eventually, the experience I gained at Elazar's Center for the Study of Federalism led to an appointment at Seton Hall University, where members of the faculty were familiar with my scholarship and activities.

"The chance to serve the institution that shaped my career and my approach toward teaching proved irresistible."

—Joseph Marbach, Ph.D., '83

My 16 years at Seton Hall, in which I worked my way up through the ranks to become Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, prepared me for the position here at La Salle. The allure of La Salle was too great to resist; in fact it is the only position for which I applied during my tenure at Seton Hall. Based on the longevity of the previous occupants of the position (Brother Emery Mollenhauer, F.S.C., Ph.D., served for more than 20 years and Richard Nigro, Ph.D., for 13), I knew this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I feel quite fortunate that I was selected and provided this opportunity to return "home."

Joseph Marbach, Ph.D., '83, was named La Salle's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in August 2010.

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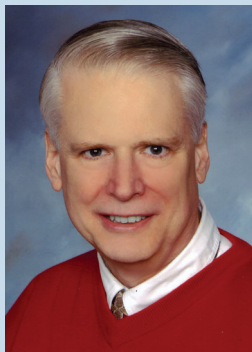
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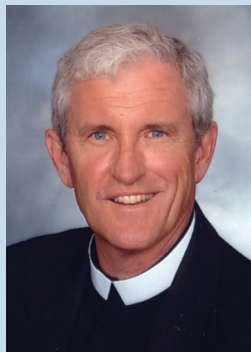
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In this issue of *La Salle Magazine*, a small sampling of La Salle's alumni faculty members will share their stories of teaching in the place where they once learned. Nearly 200 of La Salle's full-time and part-time faculty members graduated from the University, and many have earned La Salle's top awards for scholarship and teaching, proving that a Lasallian education is an enduring, prized tradition that is passed down through generations of professors and students. While limited space does not allow all of La Salle's distinguished alumni faculty to be featured individually, in the following pages, read just a few of the dozens of stories that our alumni faculty have to tell about what drew them back to their *alma mater* and how it feels to be a part of the campus community the second time around.

"I remember being there. I remember how hard it was. But I also can tell students they are in a great program."

—Gerry Altmiller, Ed.D., '91

Her unofficial specialty is helping nursing students through their stressful semesters, because she's been there, too. She tells them, "Remember, Zane Robinson Wolf (Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences) taught me in the research class, too."

Becoming a colleague of her former professor was "an interesting thing," she said. "The first time you call them by their first name, you feel like you're cursing."

Altmiller, who asks her students to call her Gerry, said she truly loves her job and has a great relationship with all of her students. One of the most rewarding aspects of teaching is keeping in touch with students after they graduate. "It's such a nice feeling to see them working and all grown up," she said.

Altmiller likes that she can relate to her students because she, too, has been through La Salle's nursing program. "As a professor, I have a better understanding of the work they do and the rules they have to follow," she said. "Students can get frustrated, especially during their senior year. I completely understand that. I remember being there. I remember how hard it was. But I also can tell them they are in a great program."

Developing a Deeper Understanding

BY AMANDA KOEHLER, '07

AFTER ATTENDING OUR LADY OF Lourdes School of Nursing in Camden, N.J., GERALYN "Gerry" Altmiller, Ed.D., realized she had just enough credits to transfer to La Salle. She recalled working hard and feeling the pressure, but being grateful for the education she received.

Little did she know that, years later, she'd return to La Salle as a professor, guiding junior and senior nursing school students through the same intense journey.

In 2003, Altmiller was teaching nursing at another school when she read about an opportunity at her *alma mater* in the newspaper. With little hope of being accepted, she developed a comprehensive portfolio to try to "wow" them.

Obviously, it worked—she was offered the position 40 minutes later.

Altmiller specializes in quality and safety issues in nursing education and clinical practice. Her research interests include violence in academia, asset modeling, clinical practice areas, and critical care.



Gerry Altmiller, Ed.D., '91



Janice Beitz, Ph.D., '83

Passing Down a Love of Learning

BY MARIAN BUTCHER, M.A. '08

A WALK AROUND CAMPUS IS A JOURNEY FULL OF memories for nursing professor Janice Beitz, Ph.D. Just outside her office door in St. Benilde Tower, in the former Germantown Hospital building on La Salle's West Campus, are the hallways she knew as a candy striper before she was a La Salle student. Around the corner are the spaces that used to be operating rooms, where she received some of her earliest perioperative nursing education.

"I follow the Brothers' example—they had high expectations and high standards, they valued honesty, they were great with students, and they knew how to have fun."

—Janice Beitz, Ph.D., '83

In the now-renovated classrooms of Holroyd Hall, she remembers anatomy/physiology and microbiology classes taught by Brother James Muldoon, F.S.C., and Brother Richard Hawley, F.S.C., who were demanding but loving toward their students.

All around her are reminders of why she chose to be a nurse and an educator.

"I always wanted to teach because I always had really great teachers," Beitz said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to influence other people's lives for the better, and to do it with a sense of humor, a joie de vivre."

Beitz's first stint as a La Salle student came in the early 1970s, when, under an agreement with La Salle, Germantown Hospital nursing diploma students took their science and liberal arts credits across the street on La Salle's campus. Beitz later joined one of the first groups of students to go through La Salle's own nursing program, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1983.

Her nursing professors, in particular Zane Wolf, Ph.D., now Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, encouraged her to pursue more advanced degrees.

"I went on to higher education because I came here," she said.

Beitz earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Villanova and her doctorate in educational psychology from Temple. She returned to La Salle to teach in 1994, and she has since led the graduate nursing programs, the School's certificate and distributive learning programs, and now the Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing Education Program, which is one of seven programs of its kind in the country and one of two offering an online option.

Like her teaching role models, especially the Christian Brothers, Beitz demands a lot from her students because she wants them to be good nurses and successful people.

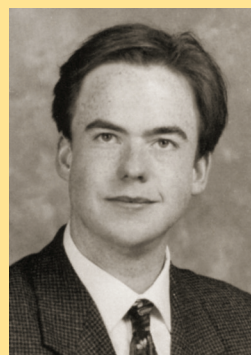
"In my field, it's imperative to teach your students well. What my students don't know can hurt someone," she said. "I follow the Brothers' example—they had high expectations and high standards, they valued honesty, they were great with students, and they knew how to have fun."

Building Lifelong Relationships

BY LIZ VARGO, M.A. '10

IT WASN'T LONG AGO THAT MICHAEL BOYLE, '98, ASSISTANT professor of political science, was sitting on the other side of the professor's desk. As a young student at La Salle, he discovered an interest in political science, specifically international relations, and he picked up an English major as well.

"It was here (at La Salle) that I learned to appreciate the impact that good teaching can have in providing challenges and inspiration to students," he said.



Boyle, who was valedictorian of his class, graduated from La Salle but never lost touch. Whether he was earning his master's degree in public policy from Harvard, his Ph.D. from the Wolfson College at the University of Cambridge, or teaching at St. Andrew's University in Scotland, he maintained his relationship with the La Salle family.

"When I was a student here, I developed lasting friendships with a number of faculty members, many of whom gave me a lot of time—and showed a lot of good humor and patience—to help me figure out what I was interested in intellectually and to grow up as a person," he said.



Michael Boyle, Ph.D., '98

Boyle had a particularly strong connection with the late Joseph Brogan, professor of political science, whom he called a mentor and friend. "I used to send him the first academic articles that I published,

knowing full well that I would get back an e-mail full of encouragement and critiques," he said.

After four years in Scotland, Boyle accepted a full-time position in La Salle's Political Science Department last year.

Like his mentors, some of whom are now his professional colleagues, Boyle strives to establish connections with his own students.

"At La Salle, the faculty, staff, and administration take an interest in the well-being of the students and develop relationships that can sometimes last a lifetime," he said. "That's something that doesn't appear on the transcript but is perhaps the most valuable part of the education."

Living the Lasallian Mission

BY LIZ VARGO, M.A. '10

VINCE KLING, PH.D., '68, PROFESSOR OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES, began his journey at La Salle out of pure convenience. Truth be told, as a young man living in Manayunk, it was just easier to take public transportation to La Salle than to other neighboring colleges.

Kling enrolled in La Salle's Evening Division, an experience that shaped his career. Brother Emery Mollenhauer, F.S.C., who was then Dean of the Evening Division, had just created an English major, and Kling was one of a dozen students who went through the entire program together. The group came from diverse educational backgrounds and was truly passionate about English. "They knew they needed it in their lives," he said. "It was an absolutely wonderful experience."

Kling graduated from La Salle, completed a one-year Fulbright Scholarship in Göttingen, Germany, and earned his graduate degree in German from the University of Pennsylvania. He began working part time at a number of local colleges and, in 1973, landed a full-time position at Lake Forest College in Chicago, Ill.

The only problem? His heart was in Philadelphia. "I needed to be here," he said.

Finally, in 1980, he became a full-time English professor at La Salle and, he said, "the rest is history." He won the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1984.

For years, Kling knew there was something that drew him back to La Salle, but he could never quite determine what. In 1996, he participated in the Lasallian Leadership Institute, a program for faculty and staff in leadership roles who carry out the Lasallian mission. His purpose at La Salle suddenly became clear.

"Every value that I had already lived by was being articulated," he said. "It made me much more conscious of how I was operating and why. The University stressed the need to meet students where they are and value them as complete human beings with social needs. ... Other places don't have that."



Vince Kling, Ph.D., '68



From the 1964 yearbook, students congregate at the library, which is now known as the David L. Lawrence Administration Center.

After 35 years in English, Kling has shifted to the Foreign Languages Department. He is currently on research leave in Austria and has a long-term contract with the Botstiber Foundation to enhance American and Austrian relations. Kling also has won a prize from the Austrian government for translating poems about the Holocaust.

Paying it forward

BY JEREMY ROSEN, '07



BEFORE HANDHELD PHONES WITH Internet and social media capabilities, at a time when computer science meant cards and teletype machines, Peggy McCoey studied math and technology at La Salle as the first in her family to attend college.

And she achieved well beyond her family's expectations.

McCoey, '79, hasn't left campus since, and she now helps La Salle computer science majors and graduate students win competitions and earn well-paying jobs.

"Because of the generosity of the University and assistance from faculty, I was able to progress," said McCoey, an assistant professor of mathematics and computer science and Director of the graduate



Margaret McCoey, '79

program in Computer Information Science and Information Technology Leadership. “It’s always deep in my heart.”

So, the Philadelphia native gives her all for some 130 computer science and information technology students, connecting them with internships and job opportunities, collaborating on special interest projects, and teaching the newest technology.

One highly relevant research project completed last fall by La Salle graduate students analyzes the cost benefits of going green.

Business leaders, politicians, and government officials frequently tout “going green” as an innovative way to cut overhead or earn tax deductions, but few back such promises with evidence or analysis of carbon footprints.

The graduate project McCoe advised is available at the University’s Connelly Library and offers 10 suggestions on how to forecast whether going paperless makes sense.

“In some cases, it may not be the best strategy,” she said.

McCoe, also a member of the Society for Information Management (SIM), places great importance on coaching students on their résumés and the importance of internships, for which her students are paid.

While a lot of job sectors are cutting back, she said she can’t fill the three or so new job or internship requests she receives each week. Information technology jobs can be all hours and also offer telecommuting options.

“You can do just fine with a bachelor’s degree, earning a good starting salary,” she said. “But having internships gives an organization an idea of what they need. Students learn a lot and need them to stay ahead of the competition.”



From the 1989 yearbook, a student in class.



Kathi McNichol, '75, MBA '81

Discovering an ‘Oasis of Opportunity’

BY JANINE STEVENS, '07

IN 1975, KATHI MCNICHOL, '75, MBA '81, walked the campus of La Salle University as a dual psychology and sociology student. Although the buildings and the students have changed nearly three decades later, McNichol walks the same campus, now seeing it through the eyes of a professor.

“The campus is larger now, of course, with so many acquisitions and building projects,” she said. “But I must say that I still see the bright, friendly campus now that I saw as an undergrad and graduate student. It was, and still is, such a wonderfully pleasant place to be.”

After working in social services for several years, McNichol transitioned to work at Colonial Penn, where she developed a love of the financial side of business. She returned to La Salle and earned her MBA in 1981. McNichol also earned her Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter certificate in 1987 and her Associate in Risk Management in 1997.

During her time as an undergrad at La Salle, McNichol worked part time in the President’s Office at the Community College of Philadelphia, where she interacted with faculty, administrators, and members of the Board of Trustees. “It was there that I was convinced that I wanted a career in academia,” she said.

McNichol, who won the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1997, teaches risk management and finance classes in the School of Business’ core curriculum. She also oversees co-ops and internship opportunities for business students. “I consult with local business firms to develop experiential education opportunities for students,” McNichol said, “which allows me to keep current on business practice

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and to better understand the skill set our students need to be successful in the business world.”

McNichol’s husband, Jim, a CPA, graduated from La Salle in 1974 and currently works as an audit administrator for the City of Philadelphia’s Controller’s Office. The couple has two sons, Brian, who graduated from La Salle in 2003, and Dan.

Reflecting upon the experiences McNichol had at La Salle and continues to offer her students, she said, “La Salle is an oasis of opportunity.”

Scripting His Scene at La Salle

BY LIZ VARGO, M.A. '10

COMMUNICATION PROFESSOR Brother Gerry Molyneaux, F.S.C., Ph.D., '58, did not have the smoothest introduction to college writing as a young student at La Salle.

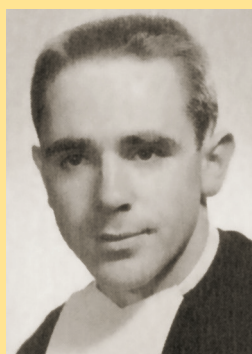
“The first paper I handed in I got back, covered in red, with no grade,” he recalled with a chuckle. “I was told, ‘This is not college writing.’”

Br. Gerry was already a Christian Brother when he enrolled at La Salle, and he knew the community had a rich academic environment. When he had the choice to take either an easy or a difficult English professor, he chose the challenging route and landed in the class of Brother Patrick Sheekey, F.S.C., '29. Br. Patrick, the namesake of La Salle’s Sheekey Writing Center, handed Br. Gerry’s English paper back once again before finally accepting it for a “C.”

“He was very patient with my writing and, gradually, my writing got pretty good,” Br. Gerry said. “Now, I’ve written four books.”

That course changed Br. Gerry’s life. He taught high school English for 11 years before joining La Salle’s English Department. Awestruck while working alongside his former professor, he, too, became devoted to helping students improve their writing. He won the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1983. “I had a vocation to become a Brother and to be like them, by teaching and impacting students,” he said.

Br. Gerry’s dedication to teaching and to his students led him down a new path in 1978, when he founded La Salle’s



Br. Gerry Molyneaux, F.S.C.,
Ph.D., '58



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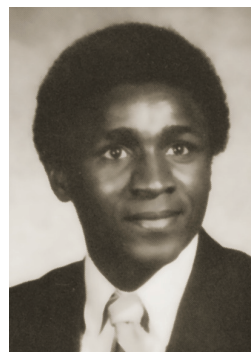
Communication Department. The program slowly built up, from four courses, to a minor, to a major, and eventually to a Department with its own building.

Through the years, he has headed the internship program, created and directed the Communication Department’s international programs in Prague, Czech Republic, and Athens, Greece, and advised the graduate practicum program. He is also the adviser of the Sigma Phi Lambda fraternity and the ice hockey team.

“What’s really gratifying is seeing students you’ve taught and seeing what they’re doing,” he said. “It’s really reassuring that they go out there with people from all over and are totally comfortable being with and competing among them. A La Salle education holds up.”

Finding a Home Away from Home

BY AMANDA KOEHLER, '07



WHEN HE WAS IN HIS LATE 20S, Richard Mshomba, Ph.D., '85, left his home country of Tanzania to further his education. The late Bishop Dennis Durning, a Catholic bishop from Philadelphia who worked in Tanzania, told him about La Salle and helped him with his application. Not only did Mshomba receive a full scholarship, Durning’s brother and sister-in-law agreed to host Mshomba during his undergraduate years.

Unsure of his major, someone listed Mshomba as an undecided business administration major, which led to an economics course with now former professor Rick Geruson, Ph.D.

“After my second exam in his class, he wrote in my blue book, ‘Have you considered the challenge of majoring in economics?’ I still have that blue book,” said Mshomba, who chose to double major in economics and philosophy.



Richard Mshomba, Ph.D., '85



From the 1985 yearbook, students between classes outside of Olney Hall.

"What makes La Salle La Salle has in many ways not changed."

—Richard Mshomba, Ph.D., '85

Geruson, who became Mshomba's adviser, mentor, and friend, encouraged him to seek a graduate degree. Mshomba had never considered this and didn't have a résumé. So Geruson and his wife, an English professor from Holy Family University, invited Mshomba over for some résumé help and a "very nice Italian dinner."

Mshomba earned his master's in economics from the University of Delaware and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he met his wife, Elaine. Upon graduating, he applied and was hired for an open position in the Economics Department at La Salle. "It was like going back home," he said.

Mshomba said there are three parts to a professor's job—teaching, research, and service to the University—and he loves all three. His dedication to teaching earned him the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching and the University's Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award in 2005 and 2009, respectively. His research has led to two books, *Africa in the Global Economy* and *Africa and the World Trade Organization*.

A devout Catholic, Mshomba also appreciates how convenient it is to attend Mass at La Salle. In Tanzania, he had to get up at 5:30 a.m. and walk three miles to Mass, then walk halfway back to school.

Although the physical campus has changed since Mshomba was a student, the heart of the University hasn't. "The focus of La Salle is still the students. What makes La Salle La Salle has in many ways not changed," he said.

A New Life in a Familiar Home

BY MARIAN BUTCHER, M.A. '08

IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG AFTER DOMINIC NUCERA GRADUATED from La Salle in 1970 for him to work his way back. In 1976, shortly after he completed his MBA at Drexel University, Nucera received a phone call from his former statistics professor, Joseph Kane, Ph.D., who was then Dean of the School of Business. Kane wanted to know if Nucera wanted to teach in La Salle's brand-new MBA program.

He didn't hesitate to say yes.



Nearly 30 years later, when he was looking for a new challenge after a long career at IBM, Nucera got another call, this time offering him a full-time position as an assistant professor of marketing.

Again, he jumped at the chance.

"I was getting tired of the corporate life, but I don't want to call it retirement," he said. "I started a new life."



Dominic Nucera, '70

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La Salle's students have been the primary beneficiaries of Nucera's career change. He teaches mostly upper-level undergraduate courses and MBA courses, and he uses his personal experience in the corporate world and the many contacts he has made over the years to give students an advantage in their studies and in their work experiences. Remembering a marketing professor, George Swoyer, who connected Nucera to his first job at IBM while he was still a student, Nucera tries to help students network and meet the right people to start their careers.

"I spend a lot of time talking to students, and I feel I've gotten to know them really well," Nucera said. "I'm trying to give something, and I think I'm getting a lot back."

Nucera describes feeling "very comfortable" on campus when he first arrived as a student, and he said the feeling endures to this day.

"Forty years later, La Salle's landscape is different," he said, "but the people are the same because they really care, not only about the students but also about the community."

Returning the favor

BY JEREMY ROSEN, '07

NOBODY KNOWS HOW MANY LIFE forms there are on Earth.

It's also a phenomenon that horse-shoe crabs—which some scientists call living fossils—have hardly evolved over the past 250 million years while their cousin species are all extinct.

But La Salle's first-year Biology Department Chair Jim Pierce, Ph.D., '83, is establishing a program to prepare students who can help solve such mysteries.

"We don't teach science, we do it," Pierce says. "My top initiative is to provide more opportunities to do biology on campus with an aggressive agenda of research projects. Another is integrating computers and technology in teaching."

Before refocusing his career on teaching, Pierce earned his Ph.D. in biochemistry from Temple University School of Medicine, completed a three-year post-doctoral fellowship at E.I. DuPont working on the Human Genome Project, and was a senior research scientist at a biotechnology company in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. After 15 years of teaching at local colleges, he jumped on an opportunity to teach at his beloved *alma mater*, where he studied for his bachelor's degree while working full time as a respiratory therapist at Albert Einstein Medical Center.

"La Salle had a big impact on me," said Pierce, who credits Brother Richard Hawley, F.S.C., Chair of the Biology Department while Pierce was a student, with encouraging him to pursue a doctorate. "To be in this position now is a real opportunity to influence La Salle students in the same positive way that I was mentored."

Pierce aims to take advantage of the University's recently expanded science facilities in Holroyd Hall, featuring the Hugh and Nancy Devlin Center for Science and Technology, and update the biology program to reflect new industry standards.

"We're setting up a lab for DNA and RNA research, and the other professors are following," Pierce said. "This



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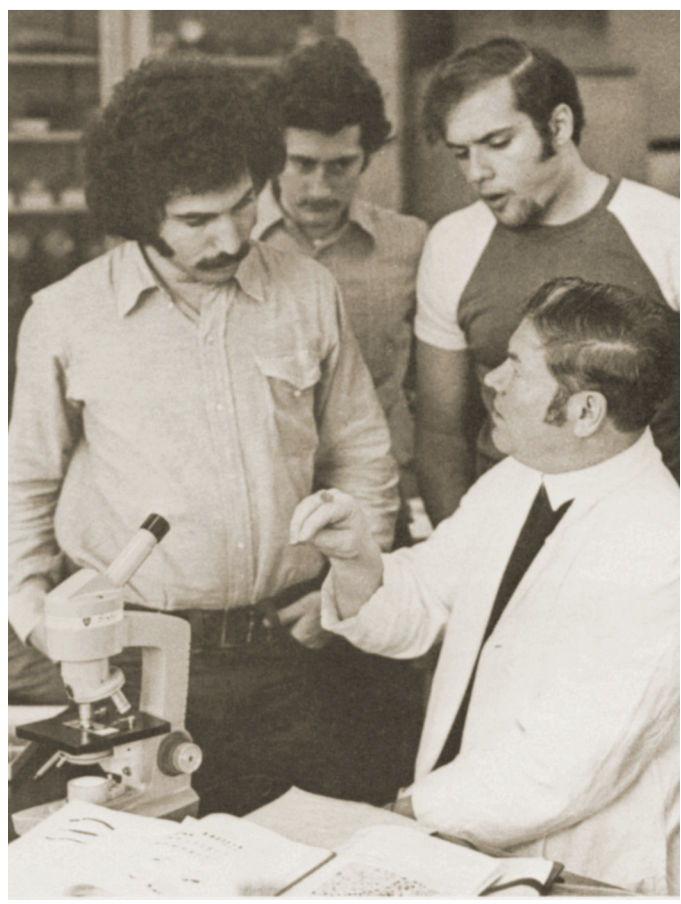
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should set students up with the skills they need for paid summer internships."

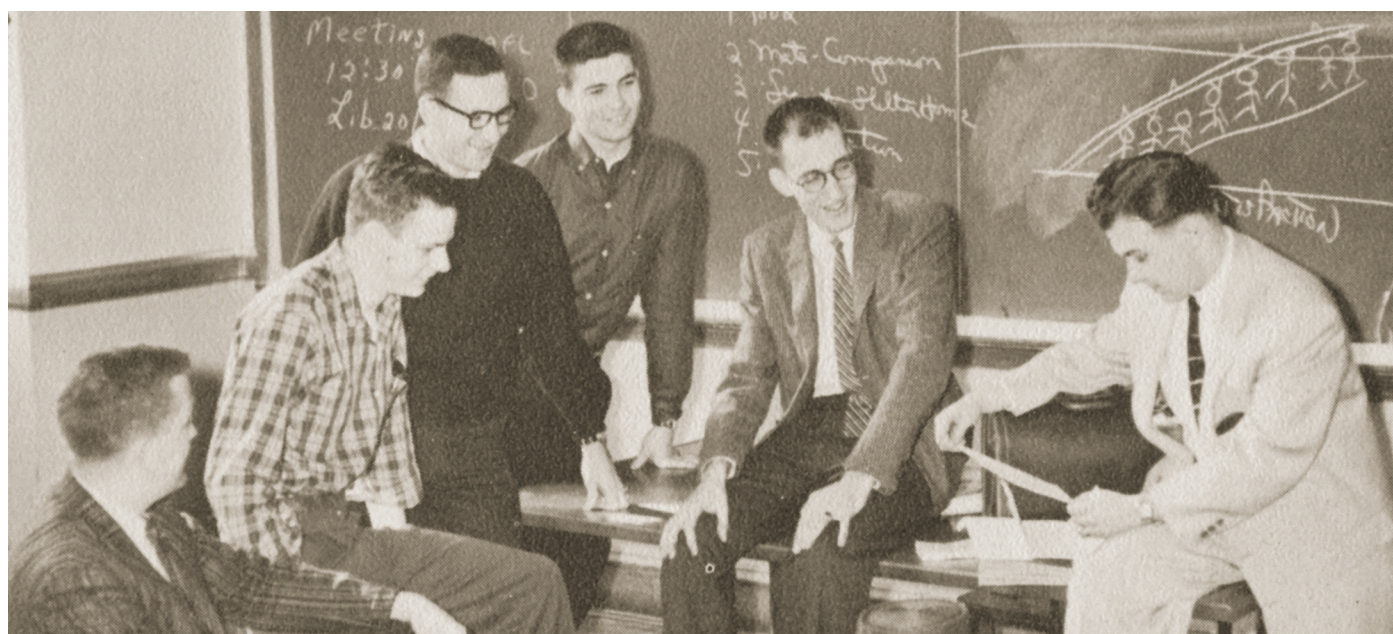
Pierce said technology is revolutionizing scientists' abilities to answer complex questions about phenomena and has changed biology from a descriptive field science to an information science.

He's leading students on a "Barcode of Life Project" to practice DNA sequencing to identify life forms, starting with trees on campus that will be digitally mapped via GPS. Also, some students are working on a genome project to analyze proteins and studying the DNA of horseshoe crabs as a model of animal evolution.

"It's important for conservation and evolution," Pierce said. "We'll try to understand why horseshoe crabs are in primitive condition and how their genes have been so successful."



From the 1973 yearbook, Brother Richard Hawley, F.S.C. (right), in class with biology students.



From the 1959 yearbook, a meeting of the History Club.

A Different Kind of Balance

BY COLLEEN MULLARKEY, '06

WHILE SOME PEOPLE EQUATE ACCOUNTING WITH SIMPLY crunching numbers, those in the field know that communication and interpretation are essential to the “language of business.” And as a “language” teacher, Kristin Wentzel, Ph.D., '90, an associate professor in the Accounting Department, translates financial concepts into terms her students can understand in both their professional and personal lives.

For Wentzel, whose academic research focuses on managerial and behavioral issues in accounting, the numbers are a means of understanding the people behind them. It was as an undergraduate at La Salle that she first encountered a more personal approach to accounting. She particularly remembers how professors Jack Reardon, Ed.D., '59, and Marianne Gauss, '75, MBA '87, not only passed along their professional knowledge and expertise, but also their life experiences. “As a student, you got to know them not just as teachers, but you also got a glimpse of what they were like personally as parents, spouses, and professionals,” she said.

After earning a MBA at Villanova University and a Ph.D. in accounting at Temple University, Wentzel returned to La Salle's Accounting Department in 2000. As a faculty member, she got to know some of her former professors like Reardon, Jack Zook, Paul Brazina, and Joe Ugras in yet another role—as colleagues. And they also got to see another side of her, as an active member in the research community.



Kristin Wentzel, Ph.D., '90

Wentzel has published numerous research articles, serves as a regular reviewer for several academic journals, and has given many presentations at research conferences, even winning an award for Outstanding Manuscript in Teaching and Curriculum at a regional conference with Accounting Department colleague Bruce Leauby.

And whether she is sharing her research or sharing personal anecdotes about her husband and kids between lectures and hands-on exercises, Wentzel's favorite part of teaching at La Salle is interacting with her students. “I think it makes you seem more approachable as a professor when you share your own personal stories,” she said. “If you can successfully develop a personal rapport with your students, it makes it more likely that they will come see you when they are struggling—whether it's an academic struggle or a personal one.”

The Eternal Student

BY JANINE STEVENS, '07

IN 1989, MARY WILBY, '86, MSN '90, WALKED INTO OLNEY Hall on her way to her graduate research course taught by Zane Wolf, Ph.D., now Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences—her nursing professor and her mentor. Twenty-two years later, she can proudly call Wolf her colleague.

After earning her nursing diploma from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 1978, Wilby became a full-time nurse. Shortly thereafter, she began searching for BSN programs. “At the time, La Salle was the only school that offered a nursing program at night. Since I worked full time, it was my best option,” Wilby said. “I saw getting my BSN as a chance to seek advancement in my career. I never thought that it might lead me to where I am now.”

She didn't stop there. Following her graduation from the BSN program at La Salle in 1986, she went on to earn her master's in 1990 and her nurse practitioner certification

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in 1997, both from La Salle. The eternal student, Wilby is currently pursuing her Ph.D.

“I was really inspired to go on and better myself by having exposure to professors like Dr. Wolf,” she said. “She made me see greater value in nursing research than I had previously. She was patient and helped me understand the finer points of nursing research.”

When she's not playing the role of student, she stands at the head of the class teaching other working nurse professionals. “I truly appreciate what it's like to juggle responsibilities for your family and your job and trying to get the most out of the program,” she said.

Wilby teaches graduate nursing courses focusing primarily on becoming an advanced practice nurse. She also coordinates the clinical placements for all nurse practitioner students.



Mary Wilby, '86, MSN '90



She continues to work as a float nurse practitioner at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in departments such as the Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic and the GI Oncology Clinic. She has had the opportunity to teach some of her colleagues as well. “That's one of the things unique to La Salle. We've all been there and done that.”

Wilby said, “I used to think that academics were snooty and didn't know enough about clinical nursing. I thought the real nurses were out in the trenches; but then I met them and discovered it wasn't true. You can do both.”

From the 1959 yearbook, students in the organic chemistry lab.

Alumni Adjuncts Return with Experience and Expertise

BY MARIAN BUTCHER, M.A. '08

GOOD EXPERIENCES AS STUDENTS AT LA SALLE HAVE LED numerous alumni back into the classroom. In addition to having busy lives and successful careers, they have also excelled as adjunct professors in just about every department on campus.

Gerry O'Neill, '75, MBA '85, a financial educator and adviser who is a senior partner at the 401k Rollover Store, began teaching accounting in the MBA program in 2002. Influenced by his favorite La Salle business professors, O'Neill's teaching philosophy is to bring the real world into the classroom.

"I try to bring something to the table that they don't get in other classes," O'Neill said. "It's an accounting course, but the majority of students are not accountants, so I try to integrate other subjects—marketing, sales, research and development—to give a more well-rounded experience and to get people thinking like executives."

Guadalupe Da Costa Montesinos, M.A. '05, the graduate adviser for La Salle's Hispanic Institute and an adjunct professor in the Bilingual Undergraduate Studies for Collegiate Advancement (BUSCA) program, knows first-hand the challenges her students face while pursuing higher education. She came to the United States in 2002 from her hometown of Lima, Peru, and took a job as an administrative assistant in the BUSCA program while studying toward her master's in bilingual-bicultural studies.

"I also had to endure the process of adjusting to a new culture, society, system, and language, so I know what they are

going through," Da Costa Montesinos said. "I've been there, and I am able to advise them and encourage them to keep going. They all face different and complex life circumstances and yet are very committed to continuing their education. They all learn from each other, and I learn from them."

Kelly Conway, M.S. '03, earned her master's degree with the first class of the Speech-Language Pathology graduate program, and she said the decision to attend La Salle was "one of the best things I have ever done." So when she was asked to teach a class on augmentative and alternative

communication, she welcomed the opportunity to return.

"I really enjoy working with the

graduate students—I enjoy their enthusiasm and desire to learn," said Conway, an autism specialist for the Lower Merion School District. "And I can relate to their experience, because I went through graduate school twice."

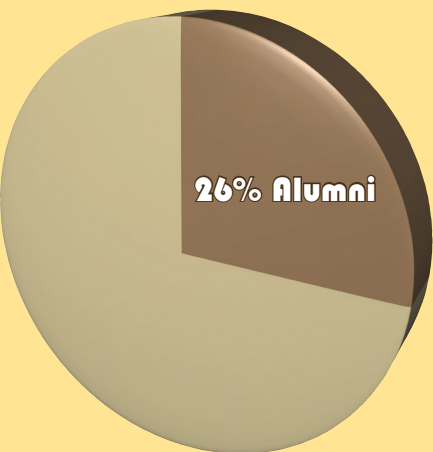
For Michele Newman, '04, M.S. '05, the decision to come back to La Salle to teach was all about giving back.

"The experience and knowledge that my professors at La Salle provided was remarkable," said Newman, who supervises the Speech and Language Department for Douglass Development Disabilities Center, a school for students with autism spectrum disorders, at Rutgers University. "It was great to be given the opportunity to share my expertise with the community and department."

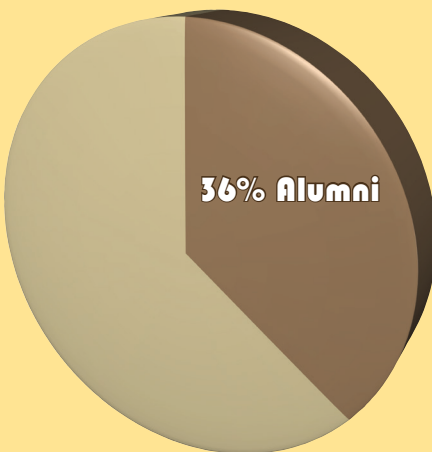
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Alumni Around Campus

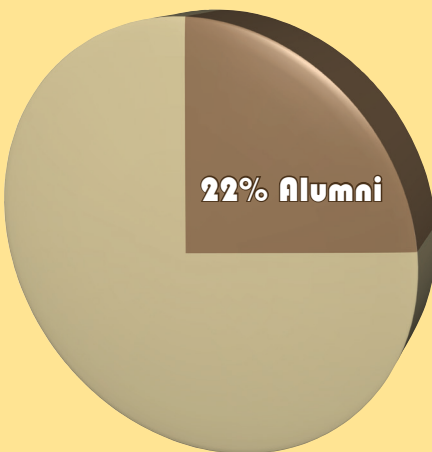
of 228 full-time faculty



of 350 Part-time faculty



of 838 full- and part-time staff





WHY I GIVE BACK: JOHN SWEEDER, ED.D., '71 BY LIZ VARGO, M.A. '10

FOR JOHN SWEEDER, ED.D., '71, PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, La Salle wasn't just a place to earn a college degree. It became a way of life.

A Northeast Philadelphia resident, Sweeder attended Cardinal Dougherty High School, where several of his teachers were La Salle graduates. One particularly influential teacher played a major role in Sweeder's introduction to La Salle. During his junior year, Sweeder's English teacher drove him to La Salle, went into College Hall, grabbed an application, and handed it to him, saying, "Have your parents fill this out."

"I was the first generation in my family to attend college; I didn't know what to do with an application," he said.

Fortunately, Sweeder turned in the application and began his journey at La Salle. As a secondary education/English major, he interacted with several faculty members who shaped his life and his career. Claude Koch, a former English professor, not only inspired Sweeder inside the classroom, but he also became a friend and mentor outside of the classroom. Sweeder knew Koch's four sons and one daughter, all La Salle graduates, and often visited their home. "He made me feel at home both in their home and at La Salle," Sweeder said.

Sweeder credits another former English professor, Charles Kelly, with teaching him how to write. Other professors, such as Sidney MacLeod in the Communication Department and Brother Richard Hawley, F.S.C., in the Biology Department, introduced Sweeder to the use of technology in the classroom. "I knew I'd be a teacher, so all these little traits, I zoomed in on," he said.

Not long after graduating, Sweeder began teaching at a Catholic elementary school and got married. Looking for a more stable income, he took a position as an eighth-grade English and communication teacher. He held a few different positions at local schools and eventually completed both his master's and doctoral degrees from Temple University.

Almost serendipitously, a position opened at La Salle after he earned his doctoral degree.

"I knew it was time for a change," he said. "I had my doctorate, and I wanted to use it."

Sweeder took the position as Director of Audio/Visual Services at La Salle, now known as Multimedia Services. It didn't hurt that he knew then-President Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., who had been the former adviser of Sweeder's fraternity, Phi Kappa Theta. Sweeder scored the job, as well as the promise of an opportunity to teach and a tuition-free education for his wife, Bonnie, '86. At the same time, Sweeder's younger brother transferred to La Salle, and his wife and brother eventually graduated together.

In 1980, working full time in Audio/Visual Services, Sweeder also took on English and education courses as an adjunct professor. He was hired as an assistant professor in the Education Department in 1990.

"La Salle has just forged itself as part of my identity," he said. "La Salle changed my life. I was treated with respect, and intellectual doors were opened to me; it made me think in new ways and gave me hope. I saw the same doors opened to my wife and my brother as well."

That image of open doors is something that Sweeder said suits La Salle perfectly. On his very first visit to the University as an incoming freshman, Sweeder recalled how amazed he was that everyone held the door open for him. "It serves as a good metaphor—La Salle opens its doors for everyone," he said.

Now, more than four decades later, Sweeder recognizes all the ways La Salle has affected his life. "In my case, my wife, my brother, and I all benefited from the experiences and the degree," he said.

In order to provide these opportunities to others, Sweeder and his wife make it a point to give back to La Salle. "We hope in some way we're giving students like us a certain similar opportunity that we've had," he said. "If La Salle did for you what it did for me, then it's a strong reason to give back."

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for everyone."**

—John Sweeder, Ed.D., '71



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A Note From ...

Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

BY MARIAN BUTCHER, M.A. '08

WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON PROMOTING SAFE, QUALITY CARE and on serving vulnerable communities, the La Salle School of Nursing and Health Sciences' Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is preparing expert nurses to take on leadership roles in a wide range of health-care settings.

According to DNP Director Patti Zuzelo, Ed.D., the health-care system today is so complex that the need is growing for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to earn credits and degrees beyond a master's.

“As physical therapists and pharmacists are moving toward practice doctorates, this is an opportunity to provide advanced practice nurses with a comparable degree to our health-care colleagues,” Zuzelo said.

The DNP is a degree designed for nurses working in advanced practice roles—as nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists—as well as those practicing in leadership roles. Similar programs focus on research and teaching, while DNPs also focus on developing the skills they need to become leaders and experts in their specific areas of practice.

Furthermore, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing has called for a change in the degree required of APRNs, from a master's degree to a doctorate, by 2015.

Zuzelo said the DNP builds on the excellent preparation students already receive in La Salle's Master of Science in Nursing programs. The DNP program allows students to explore in greater depth critical topics while enhancing and developing the skill set necessary to practice in complex health-care environments.

“It's increasingly difficult to provide graduate students with all of the information they need in a package size that's reasonable for a master's degree,” Zuzelo said. “We have two choices: to densely pack master's degrees, or to recognize that nurses should have equal opportunities to complete

a doctorate as compared to their health-care colleagues. Our master's-prepared nurses are excellent, but topics such as genomics, economics, leadership, informatics, and ethics should be more fully explored in graduate education.”

The DNP program is taking an interdisciplinary approach to teaching those topics: an informatics expert contributed to the curriculum, and two instructors who also hold law degrees are teaching courses in health-care regulation, policy, and economics.

A major component of the DNP curriculum is the capstone, a rigorous, scholarly project relevant to nursing practice that pertains to some aspect of leadership, evidence-based practice, or improving patient outcomes or safety practices.

In addition to her teaching and administrative roles at La Salle, Zuzelo remains active as an adult nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist and is also wrapping up her term as President of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists. She has also taken a special interest in nursing research, and for years has guided nurses in Philadelphia's Albert Einstein Healthcare Network and students in La Salle's graduate nursing clinical nurse specialist track through research projects that have improved or informed patient care in a variety of settings.

Given her background, it's not surprising that Zuzelo lights up when discussing the capstones that students are planning, less than a year into the program. One student is considering a project on childhood obesity, while another is interested in using her research to increase the number of nurse practitioners with credentials to perform colonoscopies. At the end of the program, students will not only have a doctorate, but also a scholarly paper that is ready to publish or present.

“It's exciting for nurses to have support and mentoring in their research and to have been published,” Zuzelo said. “It's so gratifying to watch the students grow.”

The Power of Balance

BY FRANK ARRICALE, '77

iUniverse, 2009; 276 pp.; \$17.95

In this idiosyncratic novel comprised of vignettes that are presented out of chronological order, confused protagonist John Penatucci finds himself held hostage by an enigmatic woman who identifies herself only as the Driver. As the book progresses, past and present, pathos and humor, the mundane and the surreal alternate and converge, forming a thought-provoking meditation on love and loss.

Frank Arricale, '77, has, in the past decade, published three novels, all available through amazon.com. In addition to being a novelist, he is also a songwriter and a licensed psychologist, with a master's degree in counseling from Rider University and a doctorate in counseling psychology from Rutgers University. He and his wife, Linda Arricale, '77, recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.



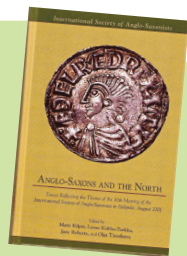
Anglo-Saxons and the North

ESSAY BY FRANK BATTAGLIA, '63

Mrts, 2009; 208 pp.; \$44

The book, *Anglo-Saxons and the North: Essays Reflecting the Theme of the 10th Meeting of the International Society of Anglo-Saxonists in Helsinki, August 2001* is a wide-ranging collection of essays by acknowledged experts in the field of Anglo-Saxon studies. The essay, "Not Christianity versus Paganism, but Hall versus Bog: The Great Shift in Early Scandinavian Religion and its Implications for Beowulf," was written by Frank Battaglia, '63, and is included with works by authors from the universities of Cambridge, Oxford, Helsinki, Winchester, Leeds, Harvard, Stanford, Iowa, and Brown.

Frank Battaglia, '63, is an English professor at the College of Staten Island, City University of New York. He earned his bachelor's degree from La Salle, his master's degree from Duke University, and his doctoral degree from the University of California, Davis.



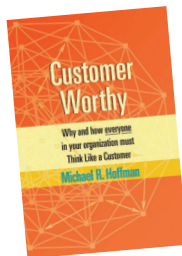
Customer Worthy

BY MICHAEL HOFFMAN, '84

Paramount Market Publishing Inc., 2010; 216 pp.; \$49.95

Think like a customer! Easy to say. Hard to do. *Customer Worthy* is a guidebook for companies to grow their most valuable asset: their customers. The book shows companies how to leverage each customer contact across advertising, sales, customer service, and social media to increase business and improve the customer's experience. It presents a simple way to visualize, analyze, monetize, and optimize each contact. *Customer Worthy* should become the cornerstone of customer-centric strategy and the performance measurement system within an organization.

Michael Hoffman, '84, helps companies understand customers. He is a motivational speaker and speaks at national conferences about customer management best practices, marketing, and sales. In 2004, he launched Client x Client, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in customer intelligence, marketing technology, customer relationship management, and strategy. Hoffman is a graduate of La Salle and did post-graduate work at New York and Seton Hall universities.



What Do Our Children Know About Their Faith?

BY JOHN J. CONVEY, PH.D., '62

National Catholic Educational Association, 2010; 170 pp.; \$20 member/\$30 non-member

Through the assessment of catechesis/religious education, this book explores the beliefs and attitudes of Catholic students about their faith. It identifies predictors of the overall achievement of Catholic students in knowledge of their faith, attendance at Mass, and feelings about relationships with Jesus.

John J. Convey, Ph.D., '62, is an education professor, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Chair in Education, and former Provost of The Catholic University of America. His professional work focuses on research and strategic planning for Catholic schools. He has authored or edited eight books on Catholic education. Convey has been honored for his service to Catholic schools. He is a Commissioner on the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and a consultant to the Committee on Catholic Education of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.



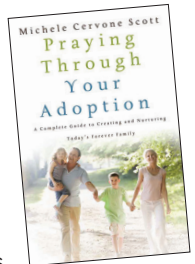
Praying Through Your Adoption

BY MICHELE CERVONE SCOTT, '96

WinePress Publishing, 2011; 152 pp.; \$15.99

Through real-life adoption stories, scriptures, and situation-specific prayers, adoptive mother Michele Cervone Scott shares how families can walk by faith through the unique joys and challenges of an adoption journey.

Michele Cervone Scott, '96, is a freelance writer, speaker, voiceover talent, and adoptive mom. She draws from her experiences to comfort, educate, and offer hope through books, events, articles, and the MommyForward.com blog. She has taught post-adoption strategies as a guest speaker for Bethany Christian Services and served as a board member for the Philadelphia chapter of Families for Russian and Ukrainian Adoption. Scott lives with her husband and son outside of Philadelphia, Pa. Visit her Web site at www.MicheleCScott.com.



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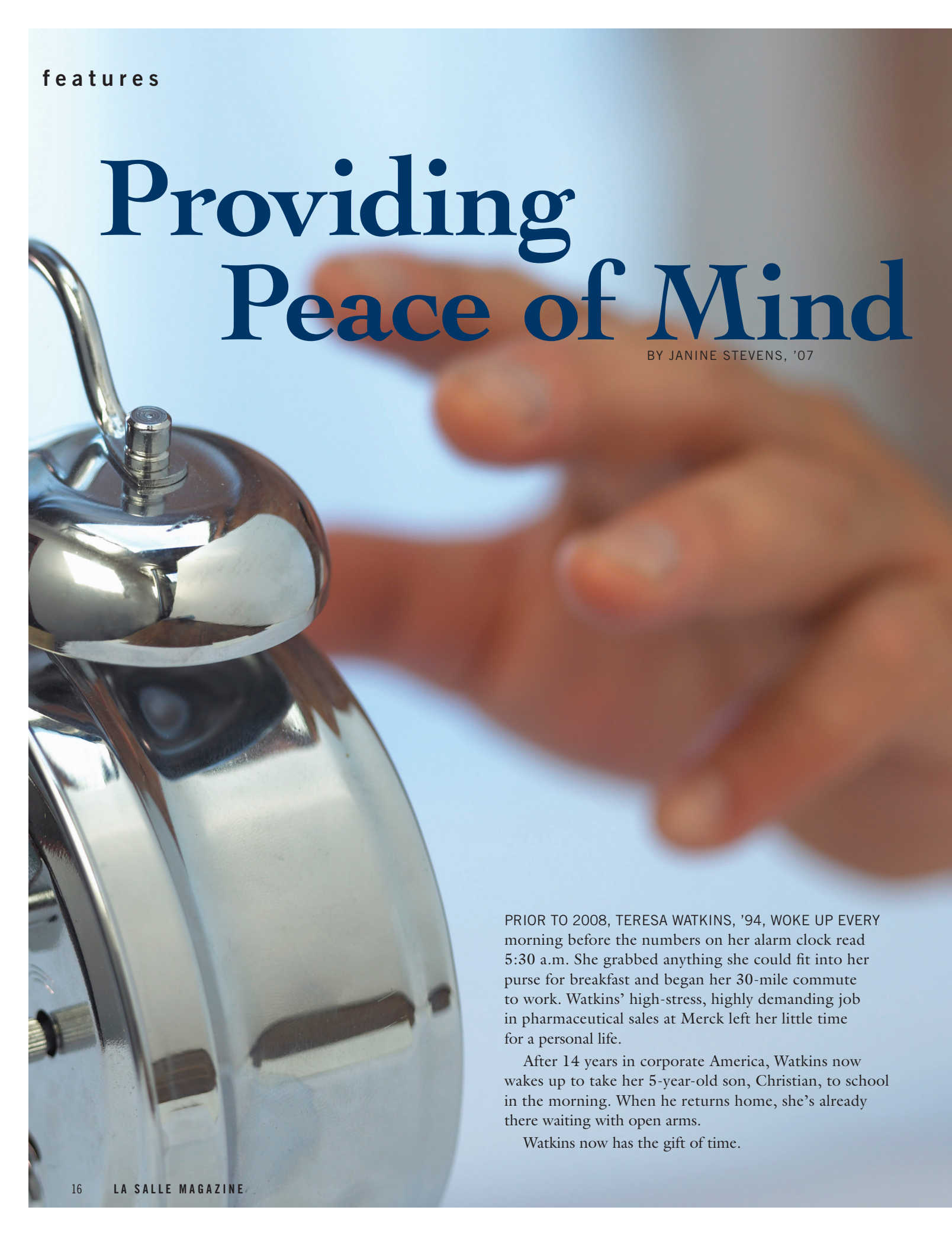
BY JACK MCDEVITT, '57

Cryptic Inc., 2010; 371 pp.; \$24.95

In McDevitt's far future, humans have encountered only one alien species, but Sunset Tuttle spent a lifetime looking for others in vain. Twenty-five years later, a stone tablet is discovered with cryptic, indecipherable markings, now in the possession of Tuttle's onetime lover, Rachel Bannister. Antiquarian Alex Benedict wants to examine it, but Bannister refuses. Benedict becomes determined to decode the tablet and discover what Bannister is hiding. Echo is the fifth novel featuring Alex Benedict and his partner, Chase Kolpath.

Jack McDevitt, '57, a Philadelphia native, was a naval officer, an English teacher, a customs officer, and a Philadelphia taxi driver, and he spent 10 years conducting management seminars for the U.S. Customs Service. He received the Southeastern Science Fiction Achievement Award, the John W. Campbell Memorial Award, and the Nebula Award. McDevitt and his wife live in Brunswick, Ga.





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Providing Peace of Mind

BY JANINE STEVENS, '07

PRIOR TO 2008, TERESA WATKINS, '94, WOKE UP EVERY morning before the numbers on her alarm clock read 5:30 a.m. She grabbed anything she could fit into her purse for breakfast and began her 30-mile commute to work. Watkins' high-stress, highly demanding job in pharmaceutical sales at Merck left her little time for a personal life.

After 14 years in corporate America, Watkins now wakes up to take her 5-year-old son, Christian, to school in the morning. When he returns home, she's already there waiting with open arms.

Watkins now has the gift of time.



Teresa Watkins and her husband, Aubrey Watkins III

Even while working the hectic schedule of a pharmaceutical sales rep, Watkins regularly helped family members and friends plan vacations, shop for engagement rings, and negotiate customer complaints. Having always found herself to be more organized than most people, she recognized the demand for these tasks, and Time Sweet Time was born.

“People always say ‘Find something you’re good at, and something you like to do,’ ” she said, “ ‘Then find a way to get paid for it.’ ”

Time Sweet Time is a lifestyle management firm, specializing in understanding the sophisticated lifestyles of its clients.

“It’s based on the premise that people have so much to do and not enough time in which to do it all,” Watkins said of her start-up company. Time Sweet Time is a one-stop shop for everything that you need done. Services span the gamut; as Watkins said, “We’ll plan your child’s birthday party, make your dinner reservations, coordinate your landscapers and cleaning service, and shop for an anniversary gift for your wife.”

Clients of Time Sweet Time pay a monthly fee to gain access to all of the company’s services. This access fee ensures that their lifestyle manager is one phone call or e-mail away. Clients pay for peace of mind.

“Enlisting the services of Time Sweet Time is an investment, not an expense,” Watkins said. “Time is a precious commodity. Our clients understand what their time is worth and put a dollar amount on it.”

These services are not just for the elite. Although Time Sweet Time serves professional athletes and high-power executives, many clients are simply working mothers who want to spend more time with their families instead of running errands. Rather than calling the landscaper, the dry cleaner, and the travel agent, plus finding time to go grocery shopping and to the mall, clients of Time Sweet Time make one phone call to take care of it all.

Watkins tells her clients, “Integrate Time Sweet Time into your life, and you won’t make a move without calling us first.”

In a time where no one can afford to spend frivolously, it’s not just individuals utilizing the time-saving services of Time Sweet Time. Companies that cannot afford to hire all full-time employees look to Time Sweet Time to outsource many of their needs.

Executives who have hectic calendars to manage but cannot afford a full-time administrative assistant depend on the virtual assistants at Time Sweet Time. Similarly, “We have a nonprofit organization that outsources their community outreach,” Watkins said. “Their budgets have tightened, but the need is still there.”

A communication major while a student at La Salle, Watkins credits the University with providing her the ideal environment in which to learn.

“Professors knew who you were. They were a constant resource and support system. People were rooting for your success,” Watkins said. “I was given so much attention and opportunities that I might never have benefited from at a larger school where I would have been lost in the shuffle.”

The sense of community keeps Watkins coming back. “La Salle set me up for life after college,” Watkins said, “so I want to give back.” Watkins spoke to freshman undecided majors at La Salle and also recently attended the Communication Department’s “Senior Saturday” to help with résumé review, interview practice, and networking with students.

Watkins runs Time Sweet Time out of her home in Blue Bell, Pa. Much of the work Time Sweet Time does is virtual. “We’re not a brick-and-mortar company,” Watkins said.

Starting a company in the first place is a challenge enough, but Watkins started Time Sweet Time in the heart of the recession in 2008. “I took a leap of faith,” Watkins said. Just two years after starting the venture, Time Sweet Time won “Best of Philly 2010” for Best Personal Assistant.

For more information, visit www.TimeSweetTime.net.

Cross-Country,



AFTER PURCHASING A NATIONAL PARK PASS AND A 1986 Toyota Dolphin motor home in the fall of 2009, Reggie Stiteler, '99, headed home to Harrisburg, Pa.—a trip spanning 10 weeks and more than 5,000 miles. Ten years prior, he had made the same journey going the opposite direction. After a decade of working for a California newspaper syndicate, Stiteler was one of more than 15,000 people who lost their jobs in the newspaper business in 2009. “It’s a reality of the climate in that industry and in the country as a whole,” he said. “I saw the writing on the wall, so that gave me ample time to think about what I wanted to do next.”

Without the constraints of deadlines or vacation time, Stiteler saw a perfect opportunity to return to the East Coast to reconnect with family and friends. He made various stops along the way to take in a few musical performances, meet up with old friends, and visit a number of national parks, including the Redwoods, Yosemite, Joshua Tree, and the Grand Canyon. “I had all this personal time to commune with nature and meditate on where I had been, reflect back on what I had done, and think about what I wanted to do next,” Stiteler said.

That reflection led him to embark on another 10-week journey in April 2010—this time across the Atlantic Ocean.

Stiteler reached his destination in Rabat, Morocco, where he volunteered with an organization called Cross-Cultural Solutions. “I always felt very fortunate that in the grand scheme of things, I have plenty for myself,” he said. “I felt a strong urge to do some volunteering. I wanted to give more than just a donation; I wanted to do something firsthand.”

Stiteler worked at an orphanage in Rabat for the first three weeks, helping to care for about 25 children on the special needs floor. A communication major at La Salle, he found he had to rely on nonverbal communication because most of the staff could not speak English, and many of the children could not speak at all. Nevertheless, he developed a personal connection with many of the kids by interacting with them on a daily basis. For the remainder of the trip, Stiteler led an advanced English class at the East-West Foundation, where his students ranged in age from their early 20s to mid-50s. “In the truest sense, it was cross-cultural,” he said. “Through the English language, I was getting acquainted with their culture, and they were becoming familiar with mine.”

Outside of class, Stiteler would often meet up with his students at the local café and talk more casually. They took him on many field trips to local hangouts, various beaches,

Cross-Culture

BY COLLEEN MULLARKEY, '06



and Rabat's medina, a walled-in section of the city found in many North African locales. There, they helped him pick out gifts for family and friends, and bartered with vendors to save him a few dirham. "They are very hospitable and very proud of their country and their culture," Stiteler said. "They're very willing and happy to go out of their way to share that."

He explored other parts of Morocco on the weekends, traveling through the Atlas Mountains and across the Saharan Desert. He visited Essouira, a laid-back beach town where Jimi Hendrix vacationed in the 1960s, and explored the Roman ruins at Volubilis, a city dating back to the second century. He watched local Berbers perform traditional hand-drumming and saw snake charmers corral vipers and cobras with the tips of their flutes. "I sought out a connection with these people, and it just reinforced the idea for me that people from different backgrounds and cultures and parts of the world have a lot more similarities than differences," Stiteler said.

Music is one of those similarities. Stiteler, an aficionado of many genres and a musician himself, just happened to be in the right place at the right time. During his stay, Rabat hosted the ninth annual Mawazine Music Festival, a free, nine-day event. Five continents and more than 50 countries

(Above, left) Stiteler takes a camel ride through the Atlas Mountains and across the Sahara Desert. (Above, top) Taking a break to enjoy the view with tour guide Said (left). (Middle photo) A local woman, Aicha, giving a brief tour of her cave house in Bahilil and dancing with a full bucket of water on her head. (Bottom photo) Stiteler relaxes in the coastal town of Essouira, Morocco.

were represented, with acts including Sir Elton John, BB King, Julio Iglesias, Carlos Santana, and Sting performing with the Royal Symphony of Morocco. "I'm not sure I could have planned this adventure at a better time than I did," Stiteler said. "Music was another way to connect and bridge the gap between the cultures." Much like Morocco's multicultural ancestry, the festival offered an eclectic mix of music that combined African strings and percussion with Western European and American influences.

Settled in Baltimore, Md., for the time being, Stiteler isn't sure where his journey will take him next. He's currently playing music and considering graduate programs in professional writing, but the idea of another volunteer experience is very tempting to him. "It's really a lot easier than you would think. Most of what I was asked to do was to hang out with people who were different from me and to discuss who I am and what I believe," Stiteler said. "Part of the fun in embarking on such an adventure is the opportunity to share it."



Celebrating 50 Years of the Hall of Athletes

BY KEVIN BONNER



WORLD RECORD HOLDERS. OLYMPIANS. NATIONAL Champions. All-Americans. Scholar-Athletes. Players of the Year.

All were on campus on Feb. 27 when La Salle University celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Hall of Athletes, an illustrious group of successful athletes with roots on 20th and Olney. The group was recognized during the men's basketball game versus Massachusetts at Tom Gola Arena before moving across campus to the Ballroom to reminisce with former teammates and coaches.

"La Salle has a rich athletic history, including national champions, Olympians, and outstanding student-athletes," said Director of Athletics Tom Brennan, Ed.D. "We are excited that we were able to bring our alumni athletes back to campus for this celebration."

The Hall of Athletes is a collaborative effort between the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation and the Alumni Association. The groups work together to select worthy athletes, coaches, and contributors each year to represent the success the Explorers have achieved.

"More than 50 years ago, the leadership of the Alumni Association recognized the extraordinary achievement of our Explorer athletes," said Jim Gulick, '89, Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations. "As a result, since 1961, La Salle's Alumni Association and Athletic Department have partnered to ensure that this important annual recognition of our athletic heritage lives on."

The Hall of Athletes did not induct any new members this year in order to properly recognize the current members. A new group will be inducted next winter.

The first class of the Hall of Athletes was inducted on May 17, 1961, and included an outstanding group of athletes: Frank Loughney, '40, a Little All-American in football; Joe Verdeur, '50, an Olympic gold medal-winner and former world record-holder in swimming; Tom Gola, '55, four-time All-American in basketball and 1955 National Player of the Year; Al Cantello, '55, former world record-holder in the javelin and 1960 Olympian; and Ira Davis, '58, American track record-holder and three-time Olympian in the triple jump.

Five teams have also been inducted into the Hall of Athletes: the 1952 NIT Champions in men's basketball, the 1954 NCAA Champions in men's basketball, the 1956 Penn Relays Champions in the shuttle hurdle relay, the 1957 Dad Vail Regatta Champions in men's rowing, and the 1980 AIAW National Champions in field hockey.

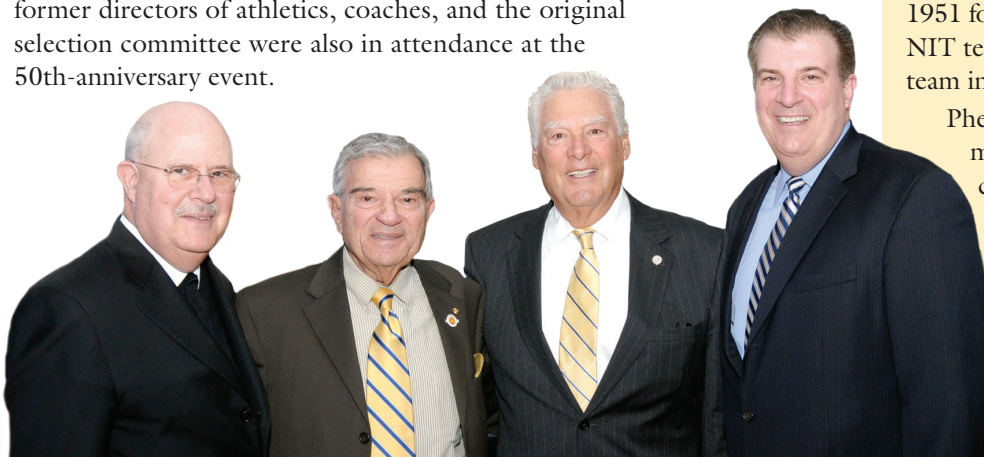


(Photo above, from left) Jackie Moore, '53, basketball, Ira Davis, '58, track and field, Caroline Gola, wife of Tom Gola, '55, basketball, Alonzo Lewis, '57, basketball, and Al Cantello, '55, track and field, at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Hall of Athletes.

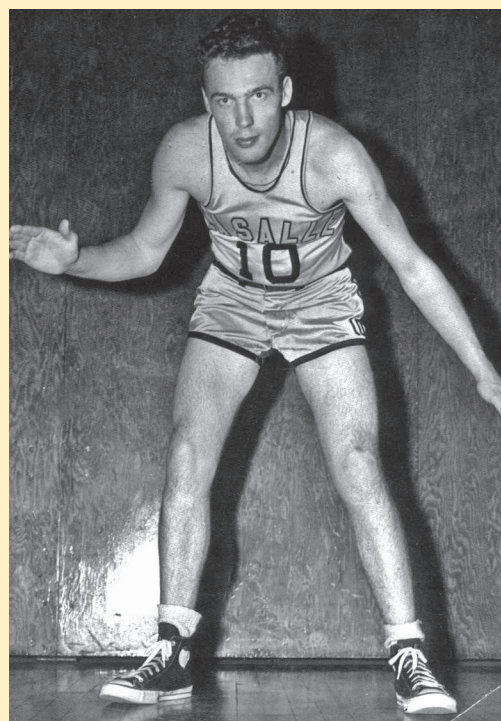
(Photo at left) The Hall of Athletes inaugural class, in 1961. (Clockwise from top left) Tom Gola, Joe Verdeur, '50, swimming, Al Cantello, Frank Loughney, '40, football, and Ira Davis.

Including the team members, a total of 172 La Salle alumni are members of the Hall of Athletes.

In addition to the members of the Hall of Athletes, former directors of athletics, coaches, and the original selection committee were also in attendance at the 50th-anniversary event.



(From left) La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., '70, Guy Sottile, '54, Hall of Athletes as manager of the 1952 NIT championship team, Hank DeVincenz, M.D., '56, Hall of Athletes for baseball, track, and soccer, and former Trustee, and Tom Sottile Jr., '85.



Phelan Inducted into City's Hall of Fame

JIM PHELAN, '51, WHO WON 830 GAMES as the head men's basketball coach at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md., was recently inducted into the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame. He joins fellow La Salle graduates Tom Gola, '55, and Lionel Simmons, '90, in the Hall of Fame.

A La Salle Hall of Athletes inductee, Phelan was a three-year letter-winner from 1949 to 1951 for the Explorers and captained the 1951 NIT team. He made the All-Philadelphia team in three straight seasons.

Phelan, a Philadelphia native, coached more games than any other college coach (1,354), and his 830 wins are fifth all-time. He led his team to 16 Division II Tournament appearances and two Division I appearances and reached five Final Fours. After leading Mount St. Mary's to the 1962 Division II National Championship, he was named Coach of the Year.

La Salle Receives Community Engagement Classification from The Carnegie Foundation

In recognition of La Salle University's successful partnership with its local and global communities, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has selected La Salle for its 2010 Community Engagement Classification.

The Carnegie Foundation is an independent policy and research center that supports needed transformations in American education through tighter connections between teaching practice, evidence of student learning, the communication and use of this evidence, and structured opportunities to build knowledge.

According to Carnegie Foundation President Anthony Bryk, La Salle was selected due to its ability to demonstrate mission, culture, leadership, resources, and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement. La Salle is one of only 115 schools nationwide earning this distinction in 2010.

"Receiving the Community Engagement Classification from The Carnegie Foundation is both gratifying and humbling. This recognition is due to the efforts of many students, faculty, staff, and community partners in living the mission of La Salle University," said La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70. "Community engagement is a part of who we are as an institution and how we define ourselves as Lasallians."

La Salle engages in the community through community service and service-learning courses. Last year, La Salle student volunteers contributed 50,000 hours to the local community, which equals more than \$1 million of in-kind support, according to the U.S. government's calculation.

Other examples of La Salle's community engagement include Speech-Language-Hearing Science students and faculty who provide hearing assessments and screenings for local preschool-aged children in partnership with Headstart; Project Teamwork, under La Salle's Athletics Department, which works with numerous community organizations; the Fellowship of Community and University Services (FOCUS), which is an umbrella group that oversees La Salle's 20 student service groups; service trips to Harlan, Ky. as part of Project Appalachia; La Salle's Neighborhood Nursing Center, which provides access to public health, educational, and community services to underserved populations in the region; 42 service-learning courses across 13 departments that are actively engaged with the community; and the Neighbor-to-Neighbor organization, which provides much-needed support to the elderly and disabled residents in La Salle's immediate neighborhood.

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—Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70



La Salle also has the Nonprofit Center, which provides the region's nonprofit organizations with consulting, training, and leadership development. During the 2009–2010 academic year, 1,644 local nonprofit staff, board members, and other volunteers attended the Center's educational offerings.

"It is heartening to see this level of commitment and activity," Bryk said. "Clearly, higher education is making real strides in finding ways to engage with and contribute to important community agendas."

—Amy Gardner Cranston, M.A., '09

Corporate Restructuring Expert Speaks at Economic Outlook

Bryan Marsal, a corporate restructuring expert who was brought on to oversee the bankruptcy of financial giant Lehman Brothers, was the featured speaker at La Salle University's 10th Annual Economic Outlook Forum, held at the Union League.

As co-founder and co-CEO of Alvarez & Marsal, a firm that provides specialized business advisory and management services to troubled and underperforming organizations, Marsal has overseen numerous corporate turnarounds in the health-care, financial services, manufacturing, retailing, communication, and oil field services industries.

Marsal was named CEO of Lehman Brothers in 2008, overseeing the largest bankruptcy in history. The bankruptcy filing of Lehman, once the fourth-largest investment bank in the United States, is widely considered one of the main triggers of the recent global financial crisis.

"Bryan Marsal literally has his finger on the pulse on what is happening with the world's leading businesses and their impact on the economy," said Paul Brazina, Dean of La Salle's School of Business. "He is able to provide insights into the role of regulation



(From left) La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., '70; School of Business Dean Paul Brazina; Bryan Marsal, CEO of Lehman Brothers and co-CEO of Alvarez & Marsal; Union League President Joan Carter; and Provost Joseph Marbach, '83, at the Economic Outlook forum.

in a free-market economy and the role of management to revitalize and build successful companies."

With more than two decades of hands-on operational and financial experience, Marsal also served as Chief Restructuring Officer of HealthSouth, the largest outpatient surgery, diagnostic testing, and physical rehabilitation services provider in the United States. Previously, he also served as the Chief Restructuring

Manager of Arthur Andersen, LLP, and Chairman and CEO of Cluett American Corporation, Republic Health Corporation (renamed OrNdaHealthCorp.), Anthony Manufacturing, and Gitano. He served as Chief Operating Officer for Alexander Department Stores. He serves on the Board of the Timex Corporation.

Marsal is also a La Salle parent. His son, Michael, is a business major.

—Amy Gardner Cranston, M.A. '09

FUTURE EXPLORERS PARTICIPATE IN LASALLIAN INTERVIEW PROCESS



More than 400 prospective La Salle students were interviewed in November and December as part of the Lasallian Interview Program. For the program's second year, interviews were offered not only on Main Campus but also in Cherry Hill, N.J., Silver Spring, Md., and White Plains, N.Y. More than 120 alumni and 52 faculty and staff members volunteered to serve on the interview panels. The interviewers listen for a few key character traits—motivation for learning, openness to difference and new ideas, and honesty and integrity—in a student's response in order to determine if that student would be a good fit for La Salle. Since the interviews, more than 350 students have been offered admission, and some have already confirmed that they will join the University's Class of 2015.



Last Chance!

Purchase your chances now for the 2011 President's Cup Raffle.

The drawing will be held at the 13th annual President's Cup on Monday, April 25, 2011, at Blue Bell Country Club.

You do not have to be present to win.

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or a book of six for \$100.

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\$10,000

Second Prize

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DISNEY WORLD

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iPAD

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Overnight theater trip for two to
NEW YORK CITY

To purchase raffle tickets or register for the outing or dinner, please contact 215.991.3595 or e-mail ferrara@lasalle.edu or go to www.lasalle.edu/presidentcup.

All proceeds from the President's Cup Raffle will benefit financial aid opportunities and scholarships for La Salle students.

[SUPPORTING OUR SERVICE TRIPS]



La Salle students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents helped to raise more than \$15,000 for the University's service trips at the eighth annual Service Trips Auction. More than 300 people attended to bid on live and silent auction items and take chances to win gift baskets assembled and donated by student groups and campus offices and departments. Some of the popular live auction items included stays at houses in Ocean City and Wildwood, N.J., and a day of yard work performed by participants in the Project Appalachia service trip. This year's service trips will travel to Kentucky for Project Appalachia, to Florida for Habitat for Humanity, to Guatemala for Estudiantes Unidos, to Tanzania for Project Mapendo, and to Montana for a project at a Christian Brothers school on the Blackfeet Reservation.

[EYEWITNESSES TO EGYPT]



La Salle's Diplomat-in-Residence Program recently presented a panel titled "Egypt and Its People: Between Change and Stability" with Deen Novelli (above left), a graduate student at Temple University who was studying Arabic in Egypt at the time of the revolt, and Manar Darwish, who was born and raised in Cairo, Egypt. Darwish teaches in the Modern Languages Department and the Philosophy, Religion, and Classical Studies Department at The College of New Jersey. For 23 years, she has lectured and held workshops for students at local schools on topics such as the art and architecture of ancient Egypt, Islamic art, the contemporary culture of Egypt, the religion of Islam, and women's roles in Islam.



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La Salle University Art Museum

March 14–June 10, 2011

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La Salle Offers Online Program in Human Capital Development

Starting in the fall, La Salle will offer a new, fully online Master of Science in Human Capital Development program. The program's curriculum is designed for working professionals who are expected to lead their organizations' workforce with strategic thinking that integrates the people, mission, goals, and objectives of the organizations. Students in the program learn to develop, implement, and measure strategic human capital plans for their organizations.

The program's two-year, multidisciplinary curriculum draws courses from psychology, management, negotiation theory, and instructional technology to offer students a blend of theory and practice. Students are able to focus on a specific aspect of human capital development in fields such as education, health care, finance, global corporations, not-for-profit, and government. Students also have the option of surveying different human capital development initiatives throughout the world.

"The Human Capital Development program differs from most human resource master's-level programs in that it focuses on human capital strategic decision making rather than on traditional human resource transactional management," said Program Director Stanley Braverman, MBA, J.D.



Marriages

2000 Kevin T. Ibach (B.A.) to Laurie Campbell.

Elizabeth A. Karolewski (B.S.) to Matthew Trupkovich.

2001 Lynn M. Marino (B.A.) to William D. Caramanico.

2002 Christopher T. Pierznik (B.A.) to Sharon Cruz.

2004 Iryne Berezovski (B.A.) to Robert Carrasquillo II (B.A.).

2005 Kellie Fagan (B.A.) to Joseph McMurtrie.

Anthony C. Gallo III (B.S.) to Deidre D. Witkowski (B.S. '08, M.S. '09).

Shannon L. Hallamyer (B.A.) to Peter Kennedy.

Lisa A. Young (B.A.) to David Pepe.

Sara Yannarella (B.A.) to Christian Troendle.

2006 Keith G. Higgins (B.A.) to Dyani Rodriguez (B.A. '07).

Elise D. Keppler (BSN) to Dennis Morrow.

2007 Leo L. Midure (B.A.) to Alicia Pennacchia (B.A., MBA '10).

Dyani Rodriguez (B.A.) to Keith G. Higgins (B.A. '06).

Drew M. Silich (B.A.) to Meghan Gaffney (B.S., BSN '10).

Maryanne E. Aros (B.A.) to John M. Morrison.

2008 Deidre D. Witkowski (B.S., M.S. '09) to Anthony Gallo (B.S. '05).

1955 John E. Murray Jr., J.D., SJD (B.S.) of Pittsburgh, Pa., was named one of the 2010 Irish Legal 100 by *The Irish Voice*. He is Chancellor and a professor of law at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa.

1956 ★ REUNION YEAR

1961 ★ REUNION YEAR

1964 Joseph P. Batory (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was honored with the prestigious Lifetime Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of School Administrators for his efforts on behalf of schools and his advocacy of the rights of children. He is an associate with Educational Enterprises LLC, a top educational research and evaluation company, and is nationally recognized for his writing about the politics of education.

Donald F. McAvoy Jr., of Jeffersonville, Pa., was awarded a proclamation from the Board of Directors of Malvern Retreat House in recognition of his special dedication and devotion to the advancement of the retreat apostolate.

1966 ★ REUNION YEAR Walter J. Plagens Jr. (B.A.) of Holiday, Fla., was re-elected Third-Degree Recorder for Council 6476 of the Knights of Columbus and Fourth-Degree Scribe for the Knights of Columbus' Assembly 1772 in Holiday, Fla.

1967 Louis J. Beccaria, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Phoenixville, Pa., welcomed his first grandchild, Avery Grace, on May 24, 2010.

1968 Joseph T. Maurer (B.S.) of Lemoyne, Pa., is the Chief Executive Officer of Momentum Fitness Center, which was named "Simply the Best Health Club" in the Harrisburg region for six consecutive years by *Harrisburg Magazine*.

Craig T. Maize (B.A.) of Sioux Falls, S.D., is a full-time RV-er, hiking and mountain-climbing more than 400 miles a year.

Edward F. Moczynski (B.S.) of Richardson, Texas, welcomed a new grandson, Matthew Carlos Edward Moczynski.

Arthur G. Ogden, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Fairhope, Ala., was named Vice President of Development for the United States Sports Academy. He is the former Academic Dean and Assistant Athletic Director at Auburn University.

1970 Ralph J. Teti, Esq. (B.A.) of Meadowbrook, Pa., was named to the Board of



James Finegan Sr., '51 (second from left), received the Golf Association of Philadelphia's 2010 Distinguished Service Award at the organization's 114th Annual Meeting, held recently at Meadowlands Country Club in Blue Bell, Pa. Finegan is congratulated by fellow La Salle alumni (from left) Daniel Flynn, '68, Sandy Run Country Club President, Tony Regina, '05, the Association's Assistant Director of Communications, and Matthew Kane, '90, Sandy Run Country Club Treasurer. The Distinguished Service Award honors individuals who have exemplified the spirit of the game at its highest level and who have made a substantial contribution to the game at the Philadelphia, national, or international level. Finegan wrote A Centennial Tribute to Golf in Philadelphia, a volume that chronicles Philadelphia's rich golf history.

Directors for St. Catherine Laboure Medical Clinic, a clinic serving Philadelphians without health insurance. He is a labor and employment attorney and a partner with Willig, Williams & Davidson.

1971 ★ REUNION YEAR Robert J. Walsh Jr. (B.A.) of Warrington, Pa., was appointed assistant women's basketball coach at Cabrini College.

1972 George S. Donahue (B.A.) of Spring Lake, N.J., served as Controller for Siemens Corp in London for three years and then travelled extensively on company business to Europe, Singapore, Brazil, and Greece. He is a division Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Siemens, a worldwide conglomerate.

Anton Marzano, Esq. (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., met with Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett when Corbett visited the Philadelphia offices of the law firm of Zarwin, Baum, DeVito, Kaplan, Schaefer & Toddy to talk about his plans for growing Pennsylvania's economy and closing the Commonwealth's budget gap. Marzano focuses his law practice on insurance defense.

Charles P. Pizzi (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was re-elected to the Board of Directors for Fulton Financial Corporation and re-appointed as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. He is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Tasty Baking Co.

1973 Leo P. Mount (B.A.) of Stratford, N.J., served a one-year deployment in Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division, U.S. Army, as a law enforcement adviser to the battalion commander and as a mentor to the Afghan National Police.



Peter Dalton, '66, CEO of Globalstar Inc., a leading provider of mobile satellite voice and data services, rang the opening bell at the NASDAQ stock market in October 2010. Globalstar, with more than 400,000 subscribers, offers satellite communication services for commercial and recreational use in more than 120 countries. Its products include mobile and fixed satellite phones, satellite data modems, and the SPOT Personal Tracker, which was named to TIME Magazine's list of the 100 "greatest and most influential gadgets" since 1923. The company also recently launched six new satellites that join Globalstar's eight original satellites, which were launched in 2007. An additional 18 satellites are scheduled for launch later this year.

Nicholas J. Rotoli, Ed.D. (B.A.) of Havertown, Pa., was named Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for the school district of Haverford Township. He has been with the school district for 20 years as a principal and Director of Curriculum.

Theodore R. Stein (B.A.) of Ocean City, N.J., was named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Investshare Inc., a turnkey provider of shareholder communications focused on next-generation delivery and processing of proxy materials.

1975 James A. Spaziano (B.S.) of Newtown, Pa., received the prestigious Five Star Real Estate rating for highest customer satisfaction, as announced in the September 2010 issue of *Philadelphia Magazine*.

James Malanowski (B.A.) of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., launched the "Disunion" blog for

The New York Times, covering the events of the Civil War in the corresponding week 150 years ago as though they were happening in real time.

1976 ★ REUNION YEAR Philip E. Haines, Esq. (B.A.) of Juliustown, N.J., was nominated to the New Jersey Superior Court by Gov. Chris Christie and sworn in on Oct. 19, 2010. He then resigned from the State Senate.

1978 Scott T. Becker (B.S.) of Chardon, Ohio, was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Plasticolors Inc.

Terence J. Fox, Esq. (B.A.) of Thorofare, N.J., was elected to the Board of Directors of Archer and Greiner, South Jersey's largest law firm. He is an attorney and shareholder at the firm, and he also serves as Counsel and Director of the Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey and the Ronald McDonald House in southern New Jersey.

1980 Ingo S. Kraus (B.S., MBA '04) of Warminster, Pa., earned a Certified Property Manager certification from the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM). He serves as Secretary/Treasurer for the Delaware Valley Chapter of IREM and Vice President of Commercial Real Estate for Citizens Bank in Philadelphia, Pa.

Joseph T. Van Thuyne (B.S.) of Broomall, Pa., earned a Certified Personal Trainer designation from the National Academy of Sport Medicine, and he has joined the Philadelphia Sports Club team in Radnor, Pa.



Alicia (Pennacchia) Midure, '07, MBA '10 married, Leo Midure Jr., '07, on Sept. 10, 2010. (From left) Eileen Masterson-Carr, MBA '00, Anthony Machamer, '07, MBA '09, Courtney Masterson, '14, Michael Shinn, '05, Vincent Frolich, '07, groom Leo Midure Jr., '07, Father Frank Berna, OFM, Ph.D., Director of Theology and Ministry Graduate Studies at La Salle, the La Salle Explorer mascot, bride Alicia (Pennacchia) Midure, '07, MBA '10, Nick Gabriele, '09, Erin Hennessy, '07, Paul Flanigan, '08, Lauren Welte, '08, Lindsay Gaylord, '07, Gerard Margiotti III, '07, and D. Jason Bodman, '11.



Births and Adoptions

1997 A daughter, Mia Grace, to **Nicole M. (La Rosa) Stout (BSN)** and **Daniel C. Stout (B.A. '98)**.

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A daughter, Piper Suzanne, to John and **Allison S. (Adair) Conners (BSN)**.

A daughter, Rowan Elliotte, to Forrest and **Colleen M. (Ledger) Taylor (B.S.)**.

1999 A daughter, Sadie Patricia, to Brian and **Danielle P. Rementer-Keys (B.A.)**.

A son, Calum Joseph, to Geoff and **Samantha L. (Kelly) Samtmann (B.A., M.Ed. '06)**.

2000 A daughter, Sarah, to **Jessica A. (Ligas) Hess (B.A.)** and **Jeffrey G. Hess (MBA '10)**.

A son, Charles Louis Merlini, to **Suzanne K. Mintzer, Esq. (B.A.)** and Mark P. Merlini, Esq.

A daughter, Julianne Marie, to **Meredith A. (Colarossi) Robison (BSN)** and **Brett E. Robison (B.S., MBA '04)**.

A son, John Thomas, to Robert and **Erin (Smyth) Wenzel (B.S.)**.

2001 A daughter, Lily Grace, to **Amanda (Zara) Boyce (B.A.)** and **Dennis M. Boyce (B.A.)**.

A daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth, to **Joan (King) Cavallaro (B.S.)** and **Michael Cavallaro (B.A.)**.

A daughter, Charlotte Grace, to **Meghann M. (Keppard) Chiappa (B.A., MCC '08)** and **Matthew C. Chiappa (B.S.)**.

A daughter, Bella Emily, to **Patrick C. Powell (B.A.)** and **Robyn L. (Hovermale) Powell (M.S. '08)**.

2002 Triplet sons, Kevin Patrick, John Patrick, and William Patrick, to **Deirdre E. (Brett) Horan (BSN)** and **Patrick M. Horan (B.S.)**.

A daughter, Everly Grace, to **Maureen K. (Keys) Metzger (B.A.)** and **Andrew P. Metzger (B.S.)**.

A son, Jackson Rowe, to **Allison L. (Andreno) Norful, R.N. (BSN)** and **Morgan R.S. Norful (B.S.)**.

2005 A son, Thomas Andrew Jr., to Victoria Frank and **Thomas A. DiCamillo (B.A.)**.

2008 A daughter, Bella Emily, to **Robyn L. (Hovermale) Powell (M.S.)** and **Patrick C. Powell (B.A. '01)**.

2010 A daughter, Sarah, to **Jeffrey G. Hess (MBA)** and **Jessica A. (Ligas) Hess (B.A. '00)**.

1981 ★ REUNION YEAR

1982 **Edmund L. Green, CPA (B.A., MBA '84)** of Boothwyn, Pa., was promoted to Managing Director with KPMG LLP. He is assigned to provide advisory services to federal clients in Washington, D.C.

Andrew J. Malone (B.S.) of Jamison, Pa., is a partner in the Tax Services Group with Fesnak and Associates LLP, an accounting and business advisory firm. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

William D. Shields (B.S.) of Wilmington, Del., attained a first-degree black belt in judo in August 2010.

1983 **Patricia M. (Prendergast) Finlay (B.S.)** of Blue Bell, Pa., is celebrating her 25th wedding anniversary with her husband, **Kevin G. Finley (B.S.)**. The couple met in Wister Hall while they were students at La Salle.

James J. Mergioti (MBA) Langhorne, Pa., was named to the Board of Directors for the Economy League of Greater Philadelphia.

1984 **John R. Gimpel, D.O. (B.A., M.Ed. '00)** of Lafayette Hill, Pa., was the graduate guest

speaker at La Salle College High School's annual academic honors convocation. He spoke to students about success beyond high school.

Sandra L. (Lech) Jeskie, Esq. (B.A., MBA '91) of Ambler, Pa., was selected to join the World Intellectual Property Organization's Arbitration and Mediation Center's List of Arbitrators. She is co-Chair of the Duane Morris Information Technology and Telecom practice group and has served as a court-appointed special master in cases involving technology and e-discovery. She is President of the International Technology Law Association, Vice-Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Business Law section, and Chair of Duane Morris' E-Discovery Committee. She has co-authored chapters in *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts* and in *The Woman Advocate*.

Dennis T. Owens (B.A.) of Mechanicsburg, Pa., won a 2010 Mid-Atlantic Region Emmy® for outstanding news anchor and an Emmy® for a report on nuclear power. The Mid-Atlantic Region covers Southern New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

1985 **Michele M. Patrick (B.A.)** of Arlington, Va., is a senior speechwriter for the President of the University of Pennsylvania.

1986 ★ **REUNION YEAR** **James P. Farrelly (B.S.)** of St. Simons Island, Ga., runs a wooden boat-building shop on St. Simons



Meghan Kelly, '03, married Evan Todd, '03, on Sept. 26, 2009, at St. John the Baptist Church in Manayunk, Pa. The reception was held at Flourtown Country Club in Flourtown, Pa. Many La Salle alumni were in attendance. (Back row, from left) Jim Clary, '03, Michele (Bowman) Godin, '03, Kyle Jakob, '03, Paul Sizer, '03, John Hanna, '02, Muffin Frenay, '02, Ana Alexandre, '05, Heather Parton, '02, Father Frank Berna, OFM, Ph.D., Director of Theology and Ministry Graduate Studies at La Salle, Alan McMenamin, '03, and Brother Gerry Fitzgerald, F.S.C., '70, assistant professor of accounting at La Salle. (Front row, from left) Matt Morace, '02, Jenn (O'Brien) Dunn, '03, Stacey (Herubin) Sizer, '03, Cathy (Alexandre) Hanna, '02, Laura (McAlexander) Kulisek, '02, bride Meghan (Kelly) Todd, '03, groom Evan Todd, '03, and Erin Barone, '05.

On a Quest to Improve Health Literacy

Some 900 miles from La Salle's campus, a motivator, problem solver, and network builder leads a top health and wellness initiative.

Arthur Culbert, Ph.D., '72, is also an example of how alumni can advance La Salle's mission of a lifestyle of service.

Culbert is Founder, President, and CEO of St. Louis-based Health Literacy Missouri, the largest, most active nonprofit charged with educating people on how to access and use health information, ranging from disease prevention to insurance.

Recent national surveys show more than 90 million Americans have difficulty comprehending health information, including prescription drug labels and insurance forms.

"Health information is written at a 12th-grade reading level or higher, but people in this country average a 7th-grade reading level," Culbert said.

This nearly two-year-old organization, like so many nonprofits in challenging cities, opened shop in a dilapidated structure in downtown St. Louis. Culbert oversees an operating budget of \$2.4 million per year and around 35 employees and volunteers across the state.

Culbert connects with both the U.S. and European centers for disease control to keep his outreach efforts current. He is a published expert in the field of health literacy, including how it relates to this country's controversial and seemingly eternal efforts for health-care reform.

In his April 16, 2010, contributing article in the *St. Louis Business Journal*, titled "Reform won't succeed unless health literacy is improved," Culbert wrote that people with limited health literacy lead shorter lives and are more likely to be hospitalized, use emergency rooms, and experience treatment errors.

Culbert stands behind President Obama's health-care plan, which is being threatened by Republicans in Congress, and praises legislation that creates mechanisms so people can take better care of themselves and reduce the price of disease prevention.

"It's really important everybody has a right to health care," he said. "People spend so much and have so little to show for it. A decade from now, I believe we'll see the positives of reform."

A member of La Salle's Alumni Association Board of Directors, Culbert organizes alumni gatherings in St. Louis, typically



centered around basketball games. He annually recruits for the University at 30 nearby Catholic high schools by speaking with students and guidance counselors. He also has returned to campus to interview applicants to the University.

"I think we need to extend the reach, and that's where I use my enthusiasm to give back," he said. "I hope this shows ways other alumni who don't live in Philadelphia can still be a small part of La Salle."

—Jeremy Rosen, '07

Island, Ga., and enjoys sailing his family around the barrier islands of the coastal South.

Col. Karla K. Hansen, M.D. (B.A.) of St. Simons Island, Ga., retired from active duty with the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a head and neck surgeon. She is now in private practice on St. Simons Island, Ga.

Brig. Gen. Walter T. Lord (B.A.) of Mechanicsburg, Pa., was promoted to the rank of brigadier general with the Army National Guard of Pennsylvania.

1987 Clair Warmerdam Rohrer (B.A., M.Ed. '99) of Wallingford, Pa., was promoted to Senior Director of Operations of Adult Developmental Disabilities Services for Bancroft, a provider of programs and services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, invited religious jubilarians to the annual Mass at the Cathedral Basilica on Sept. 12, 2010. (From left) Brother Richard Kestler, F.S.C., '65, La Salle College High School President and La Salle Trustee (50 years); Brother Timothy Dean, F.S.C., '55, St. Gabriel Hall staff (60 years); Brother Leonard Rhodes, F.S.C., '93, West Catholic High School faculty (25 years); Cardinal Rigali; Brother Charles Gresh, F.S.C., '55, Director of Major Gifts at La Salle (60 years); Brother Brendan Garwood, F.S.C., '55, La Salle College High School staff (60 years); and Brother Richard Oliver, O.S.B., '68, Conference of Major Superiors of Men staff (40 years).

Andrew M. Wilusz (B.A.) of Southampton Pa., is the President of the Philadelphia Estate Planning Council. He is the Director of Mergers and Acquisitions with Value Management Inc. in Jamison, Pa.

1988 George J. Haitzsch (B.S., MBA '97) of Haddonfield, N.J., is the Executive Vice President and North American Practice Leader

in New York City for Willis Risk Solutions, an insurance and reinsurance brokerage firm.

1990 Marcella (Bossow) Schankweiler (B.A.) of North Wales, Pa., was honored as one of the 2010 Women of Distinction by *Philadelphia Business Journal*. She is President and Founder of For Pete's Sake, a nonprofit organization that gives families touched by terminal cancer opportunities to enjoy respite vacations together.

1991 ★ REUNION YEAR

1993 Francis J. Shammo, CPA (MBA) of Branchburg, N.J., was named Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Verizon Communications Inc.

Albert T. Vertino III (B.A.) of Decatur, Ga., was promoted to Vice President-Content for NBA Digital. He is responsible for the creation,

Alum Branches Out into Filmmaking

Using a personal experience as a starting point in the creative process is common for artists of all sorts. But screenwriter Rick Hansberry, '84, used a tragedy in his life to make something positive—his short film *Branches*.

When Hansberry's mother passed away, he was touched when a handful of friends he had lost contact with came to her funeral. In 2003, he decided to write a five-page script for a MoviePoet.com contest. He wanted to take that theme of friendship and add in a dash of the holidays. From this idea came *Branches*, which focuses on four friends trying to find the perfect Christmas tree.

"Getting the Christmas tree for me growing up was almost as big a deal as the day itself," Hansberry said. "*Branches* is meant to show the connection you feel with people around the holidays."

Hansberry won the MoviePoet contest, and he went on to win Best Short Film Script at the DC Shorts Film Festival in April 2008.

In both contests, the judges said how much they loved the script, but that it was hard to imagine it as a movie. Choosing to co-produce the movie, Hansberry and co-producer Chris Messineo tackled *Branches* challenges—mostly having to shoot the entire movie in the unreliable snow and to come up with enough money to sustain the filmmaking process.

They hired Daniel Stern, actor in movies such as *Home Alone* and narrator of *The Wonder Years*, to be the movie's narrator. Stern fell in love with the script and agreed to be the narrator on Christmas Day 2009.



From left, Jody Ebert, who played "Wade" in the film *Branches*; Chris Messineo, director; and Rick Hansberry, '84, writer.

The *Branches* crew shot the movie over a snowy three days in February 2010 at the Crystal Spring Tree Farm in Lehighton, Pa. After editing and scoring the film, *Branches* debuted at the Pocono Mountains Film Festival in October and became available on DVD in November. Recently, it was accepted into the Screen Actors Guild Foundation's Short Film Showcase and is under consideration at several national film festivals.

Hansberry, who hails from Northeast Philadelphia and currently lives in Lancaster with his family, said he always enjoyed writing but knew he wanted to write scripts after taking classes at La Salle.

While continuing to expand and develop his impressive catalog of short and full-length scripts, Hansberry also works as a paralegal and a disc jockey. He is currently soliciting directors and actors interested in *Expiration*,



a suspense drama.

A feature he wrote for Backyard Studios, called *Setting Sun*, is currently in pre-production, and he's been contracted to write a "fish-out-of-water" comedy for a Los Angeles-based production company in 2011.

"I just like to write," Hansberry said of his busy, successful third job. "Some guys fish, some guys hunt, some guys work on cars. I write."

Check out www.branchesmovie.com or www.djrickhansberry.com, for more information on *Branches* or Hansberry.

—Amanda Koehler, '07

Brothers Go From Row House to the State House

As a four-year-old, Kevin Boyle, '02, took the hand of his father, Francis, an Irish immigrant, while Francis exercised his right as a new United States citizen by voting in the 1984 presidential election. His father could not imagine at that time that Kevin and his older brother, Brendan, would become intimately familiar with the United States government. In January 2011, the Boyle brothers made history as the first siblings to ever simultaneously serve in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Representing the 172nd District neighborhoods of Mayfair, Holmesburg, Tacony, and Fox Chase in Northeast Philadelphia, Boyle is currently focusing his energy on issues with absentee landlords. "Unfortunately, what we've seen in our community over the past decade is an upsurge of the purchase of rental properties by New York investors who don't take care of the homes," he said. Boyle is not only writing legislation on this cause, but he is also working with city officials to correct enforcement.

He stressed the importance of this work, saying, "These are the big issues that the people care about the most because they affect them on a daily basis."

Kevin and Brendan Boyle intend to keep an eye on one another, as the constituents in Kevin Boyle's district are essentially neighbors of Brendan Boyle's. Brendan Boyle represents the 170th District, which includes the Somerton, Parkwood, Bustleton, and Burholme neighborhoods of the city.

The Boyles grew up in Philadelphia, and Kevin Boyle watched firsthand as his neighborhood became violent over the years. "I had friends who were shot and some who went to jail. Seeing this led me to focus on providing better educational opportunities to young people in less-advantaged areas," he said.

Kevin Boyle earned his undergraduate degree at La Salle in political science. Brendan Boyle was offered a scholarship to La Salle, but opted to attend the University of Notre Dame. Both Boyle



State Rep. Kevin Boyle, '02

brothers attended Harvard University for graduate school, with Kevin studying education policy and Brendan focusing on public policy.

Kevin Boyle, part of the first generation of his family to attend college, credits La Salle with giving him a strong start. "At La Salle, I was encouraged to think for myself," he said. "The professors challenged me, kept me on my toes, and prepared me to be the elected official I am today."

—Janine Stevens, '07

production, implementation, journalistic and editorial quality, and accuracy of all NBA Digital content across its platforms.

1994 Daniel J. Dienna (B.A.) of Chalfont, Pa., was promoted to Vice President of Distribution Services for Advertising Specialty Institute Inc. in Trevose, Pa.

Dana H. (Meyers) Evans (B.A.) of Richmond, Va., was named Executive Director of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley by its Board of Directors.

1995 Spencer T. Beck (B.S.) of Lititz, Pa., is Vice President and Commercial Relationship Manager for Graystone Bank.

1996 ★ REUNION YEAR Noelle K. Becker-Moreno (B.A.) of Swampscott, Mass., was awarded Best of Boston, and Best of North Shore readers choice awards and mentions on Daily Candy for her modern maternity and baby store, Chulamama, in Danvers, Mass. She is co-owner of the shop, which offers La Salle alumni a five percent discount at its Web site, chulamama.com (coupon code: lasalle).



(From left) Anne Palopoli, Frank C. Palopoli, '69, a La Salle Trustee, Gerald Ballough, Ph.D., professor of biology, and Tom Keagy, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, at a luncheon honoring Ballough as the recipient of this year's Palopoli Professorship. The Professorship was established by Palopoli and his brother, John J. Palopoli, M.D., '70, to recognize the scientific achievements of their father, Frank P. Palopoli, and to honor faculty who embrace scientific research in education.

In Memoriam

1943 Gerald J. Cedrone (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 18, 2010.

1947 Jacob J. Fisher (B.A.) of Pompton Plains, N.J., on Dec. 5, 2010.

1948 Robert F. Gallagher, DDS (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on Nov. 17, 2010.

John J. Robinson, Esq. (B.S.) of Upper Darby, Pa., on April 25, 2010.

1949 Anthony J. Durkin (B.A.) of Rio Grande, N.J., on Aug. 16, 2010.

1950 James P. Connor (B.A.) of Devon, Pa., on Sept. 1, 2010.

1951 Harry W. Boston (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 30, 2010.

Vincent J. Costantini (B.S.) of Pompton Plains, N.J., on Oct. 3, 2010.

1952 M. William Albanese (B.S.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., on Aug. 29, 2010.

1953 Adam G. Paoni (B.S.) of Pittsburg, Kan., on Nov. 30, 2010.

1955 Joseph P. Kelly (B.S.) of Lancaster, Pa., on Nov. 6, 2010.

Raulo M. Parmegiani, Ph.D. (B.S.) of Ringwood, N.J., on Oct. 13, 2010.

1956 Stephen J. McLoughlin (B.S.) of King of Prussia, Pa., on Sept. 21, 2010.

Lt. Col. John R. Pompa (Retired) (B.A.) of Titusville, Fla., on July 11, 2010.

John L. Schmidt (B.S.) of Wilton, Conn., on Nov. 4, 2010.

1957 James M. Purtell (B.S.) of Willow Grove, Pa., on Dec. 3, 2010.

1958 Albert R. Aspinall (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 15, 2010.

1997 Danyl S. Patterson, Esq. (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was listed as a Rising Star in the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* 2010 Women of Distinction.

1998 The Rev. Christopher P. Picollo (B.S.) of Marlton, N.J., was ordained a transitional

Henry C. Bittner (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on Oct. 28, 2010.

Richard L. Flynn (B.A.) of Moorestown, N.J., on Dec. 3, 2010.

1959 Edwardo Cerulli, O.D. (B.A.) of Roxmont, Pa., on Apr. 6, 2010.

1961 James J. Klinikowski (B.S.) of Whitehall, Pa., on Nov. 7, 2010.

1965 Archie F. McGowan (B.S.) of Elkins Park, Pa., on Sept. 27, 2010.

1969 Theodore S. Pisciotta (B.S.) of Haddon Heights, N.J., on Oct. 27, 2010.

1970 Edward P. Reilly (B.S.) of Ocean City, N.J., on Oct. 25, 2010.

Martin J. Sheeron Sr. (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on Oct. 12, 2010.

1971 John Sivick (B.S.) of Davenport, Fla., on Sept. 18, 2010.

1974 Stephen W. Soncini (B.S.) of Holland, Pa., on Nov. 1, 2010.

1979 Jacob P. Miller (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on Aug. 28, 2010.

1982 Patricia M. (Lynch) Kenney (B.S.) of New York, N.Y., on Nov. 24, 2010.

Alvin E. Unbekant Jr. (B.S.) of Collegeville, Pa., on Oct. 17, 2010.

1984 John A. Doyle (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on Aug. 4, 2010.

Dennis F. Regan (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on Oct. 27, 2010.

1987 Patricia A. Fogel (MBA) of Perkasee, Pa., on Sept. 13, 2010.

2006 William B. Turner (MBA) of New Hope, Pa., on Sept. 10, 2010.

deacon and expects to be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Trenton in June 2011.

1999 Capt. John R. Cholewin, USMC (B.A.) of Lusby, Md., received the Distinguished Service Medal from New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie for distinguished meritorious service during combat actions in Iraq from 2005 to 2007.

Maj. Wendi T. (O'Boyle) Duffy, USAFR (B.A.) of Columbus, N.J., took command of the 459th Maintenance Squadron in Joint Base Andrews, Md., and is responsible for more than 100 airmen and the maintenance of eight KC-135 aircraft.

2000 Patrick D. Doran, J.D. (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., passed the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar examinations and is a litigation associate with Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney PC in Philadelphia.

Kevin T. Ibach (B.A.) of Prospect Heights, Ill., is a professional baseball scout for the Florida Marlins.

2001 ★ REUNION YEAR Nicole L. Fidler, Esq. (B.A.) of Brooklyn, N.Y., was honored at the Sanctuary for Families Above and Beyond Pro Bono Achievement Awards in New York City. She was recognized for her diligent and skillful advocacy in representing a mother seeking to be reunited with her internationally abducted son.

William F. Haynes Jr., M.D. (M.A.) of Princeton, N.J., was elected to a five-year term as President of Princeton University's Class of 1950. He is also the Chaplain for the Princeton Officers Society.

2002 Patrick M. Horan, Esq. (B.S.) of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., graduated from the Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University in May 2010. He is clerking for The Hon. Marjorie O. Rendell on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Allison L. (Andreno) Norful, R.N. (BSN) of Lynbrook, N.Y., graduated from New York University with honors as an adult nurse practitioner after studying in Chile and Italy. She is working in interventional cardiology at an internal medicine private practice on Long Island.

2004 Megan L. Rafferty (BSN, MSN '10) of Jenkintown, Pa., is engaged to **Kevin Carroll (B.S.)**. A November 2011 wedding is being planned.

2005 Danielle M. Cernese (B.A.) of New Hyde Park, N.Y., is engaged to Sean Hill and is planning a September 2011 wedding.

Denise M. Maher, Esq. (B.A.) of Brigantine, N.J., was named a member of the Associates Class of 2010 by the *New Jersey Law Journal*. She is an associate with Fox Rothschild in Atlantic City, N.J., and a certified legal intern for Rutgers School of Law's Children's Justice Clinic.

Meredith Marakovits (B.A.) of Walnutport, Pa., is a sideline reporter for Comcast SportsNet for the Philadelphia 76ers' home games.

Sara Yannarella (B.A.) of Marlton, N.J., earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Delaware Valley College.

2006 ★ REUNION YEAR Shannon L. DeSalme (B.A.) of Harvest, Ala., graduated from Alabama A&M University with a master's degree in social work.

Erik M. Dolaghan (B.S.) of Wayne, N.J., is an account manager for Penske Truck Leasing. He is engaged to Megan Green and is planning a fall 2011 wedding.

Jessica A. Grabowski (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is engaged to James Marcinkus. A spring 2012 wedding is being planned.

Gwen E. Tuxbury (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., earned a Master of Arts in Teaching in English secondary education at Salem State University in Salem, Mass. She and **Louis A. Perseghin (B.A. '06)** are planning a June 2011 wedding.

2007 Karolina Galecki, J.D. (B.A.) of Boston, Mass., was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar on Nov. 12, 2010, and the Massachusetts Bar on Nov. 23, 2010.

Shirley (Hutchins) Grass (B.A.) of Marlton, N.J., earned a Master of Science in



Frank Stearns, Ph.D., MBA '90, Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross National Testing Laboratory in Philadelphia, was recently awarded the American Red Cross Presidential Award for Excellence, which recognizes outstanding employee and volunteer performance. Stearns worked to develop a process that effectively distinguished blood donors who required expensive testing for a parasite that causes Chagas disease. His solution to the challenge has saved the American Red Cross almost \$19 million annually. (From left) American Red Cross Board Chair Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, Stearns, and American Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern.

Organizational Development from American University.

Matthew W. Reighn (B.S.) of Atco, N.J., was promoted to a senior accountant at South Jersey Healthcare. He is enrolled in the MBA

program at Rowan University with a concentration in accounting.

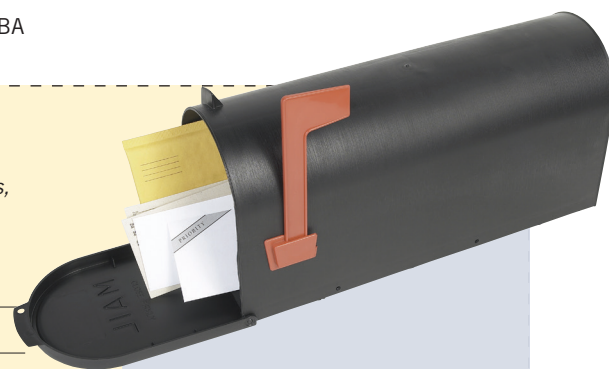
2008 William M. Shipley (B.A.) of Malvern, Pa., is engaged to Sarah Aguilar. A July 2011 wedding is planned.

Sean P. Quigley (B.A.) of Braintree, Mass., recorded the top finish by a U.S. runner in the International Association of Athletics Federations World Half-Marathon Championships in Nanning, China. His time was 1:03.23 to place 19th and lead Team USA to a sixth-place finish.

2009 Christa N. Plummer (B.A.) of Quakertown, Pa., earned a spot to compete in the U.S. Olympic Trials in January 2012 following her performance at the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn. She ran her first marathon in 2:45.13 to place 15th overall and seventh in the women's 22-29 age division.

2010 George L. Maltese (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., started graduate school in January 2011 at Tiffin University in Ohio.

Frank Rongone (B.S.) of Hammonton, N.J., joined BBD, LLP's Class of 2010 as a staff accountant. He is also the recipient of the *Wall Street Journal's* Best in Class Award.



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